

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:15 A.M. on April 14, 2026. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, Assessor Tina Skinner and Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton.

Krotz stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. This meeting was published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on April 8, 2026 and posted on the official website.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda with corrections. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 4-7-2026. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton presented a proposed Interlocal Agreement to participate in mutual aid to Road Departments in the Panhandle. The agreement will allow road departments of other counties to assist each other, in times of an emergency. The agreement also sets forth the terms of compensation and liability. Messersmith made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-6 committing Sheridan County to the Interlocal Agreement for Mutual aid and Assistance. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed an Interlocal Agreement proposed by Scottsbluff County Sheriff Mark Overman for all panhandle counties to share the expense of a Juvenile Detention Center Study. The facility would be housed in a re-purposed facility in Scottsbluff County.

Sheridan County has had to house juveniles in facilities far away incurring great expense for transportation. Messersmith made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Regional Juvenile Detention Assessment at the cost of \$3,290 to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed a quote from Intralinks for a new server for the county courthouse offices. Kling made a motion to accept the quote of \$17,987.08 for the new server, with the purchase to be paid out of Miscellaneous General account. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board with a request for \$600 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. The funds are requested for a door with keypad lock for the basement entryway in the Courthouse. This would be for the safety of employees and to secure stored files/records of the courthouse. Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-7 authorizing the funds from LATCF. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Thies presented the board with her pledged security report. Thies stated that it does not include securities from First National Bank of Gordon, due to the information not being sent to her in a timely fashion. Thies stated that she emails them every month requesting this information and has trouble getting response. Thies is required to report these securities to the board every month.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the surplus scrap iron weighed 14 tons bringing in \$700. Norton also reported that in testing the reflectivity of all county road signs they found that all bridge reflectors must be re-faced. This will cost

approximately \$1,003. Norton informed the board that he has gotten the material ordered to proceed with it.

Norton visited with the board about purchasing a new water tanker for \$81,000. Norton has secured two quotes and waiting for the third to come in. Norton informed the board that he had the money in his budget.

Building & Grounds Superintendent was not present. Discussion was had on the cleaning position. It was pointed out that the new hire needs to be trained and introduced to everyone. The board will have Jeff Davis bring her to a meeting for all to meet. The board asked the officials that were present to make a list of duties they would like to see done in each office to present to her.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Mike Wellnitz met with the board to discuss Zoning Permit Fees. Currently the fee is \$25/permit but this has not been adjusted in several years. This fee needs to be high enough to cover the cost of the time it takes to process the permit. Kling made a motion to increase the Zoning Permit Fee to \$50. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to authorize a pay increase for the Planning and Zoning Coordinator to \$25/hour. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Budget Coordinator Caleb Johnson joined the meeting via telephone to go over several legislative bills that concern the County.

Melissa Mracek, 4-H Extension Educator and Julie Linders, owner of the Extension Office Building were present to discuss the lease renewal. The board stated that the County has put a lot into the building and have reservations about paying an increase in the rent. Linders informed the board that she agreed to not increase the rent for

5 years because of the improvements that the county has done. Linders stated that the 5 years are up and she is not making a profit with the lease rate at \$750/month. She plans to put a new roof and gutters on the building this summer and has recently painted the building.

Linders asked the board if they would like to purchase the building. Chairman Krotz stated that they were not interested at this time. Linders stated that she loves having Extension in the building but is just not seeing a profit. Mracek stated that they enjoy the space and informed the board that they are able to have multiple events in the building rather than having to rent a larger space.

Linders is asking to increase the rent to \$950 and have the County take over the water/sewer and assume all yard care. Mracek stated that the Extension office has a line item in the budget that they could use to hire a 4-H student to take care of the lawn.

Messersmith made a motion to sign a Rental Lease Addendum with Tinker Tots Daycare LLC, Bryan & Julie Linders for \$950/month with the County to pay the water/sewer bill for a period of 1 year. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Sheriff Brewer informed the board that he is in the process of purchasing a new patrol vehicle out of South Dakota.

The board did a Jail Inspection.

Adjourn: 12:15 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn County Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman