

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 A.M. on August 11, 2026. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Krotz stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. This meeting was posted on the official website and published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on August 5, 2026.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-21-2026 with corrections. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed a letter of agreement from Dana F Cole & Company LLC pertaining to the terms of the audit for fiscal year 2025-2026. Messersmith made a motion to accept the audit agreement with Dane F Cole & Company LLC for the 2025-2026 audit at the cost of \$22,000 plus additional expenses estimated to be \$800 for travel, postage and any other out of pocket expenses. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board approved a claim to Wildcat Surveying for \$30,250. Kling made a motion to approve the claim. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. This was for work completed on the correction of faulty surveys done by an out of state surveyor. The county has received the reimbursement from the company so this claim just conveys the funds to Wildcat Surveying.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover informed the board about some force control actions. Kyle Schwarting has three parcels that have

been sprayed by South Paw Sprayers on August 7, 2026. This lien will be filed with the County Clerk and if not paid in 60 days it will be assessed against his property.

Todd Rager property has been sprayed.

City of Gordon was given a 10 day notice. When re-inspected some had been sprayed but not all. When Grover contacted the City they stated that they are trying to make contact with the lessee to take care of the spraying. More time was given.

Jason Lindberg and Mark Pieper are up to date and Little Blue Stem was given until 8-17-2026.

Grover presented her monthly reports for the board to review.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton visited with the board about several project that are being worked on. Norton stated that certified letters have been sent to landowners for the Road Hearing on August 18, 2026. Norton informed the board that he has advertised roadside mowing requirements. His crew will begin mowing October 5th weather permitting.

Norton presented two approach requests to the board. The board approved an approach for Monica Harmon located in Section 23, Township 32, Range 46. The board denied an approach for Brad Younkin located in Section 25, Township 32, Range 44 due to the fact that it is not in the county right of way.

Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-16 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards for 2026. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Jessica Witting of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) met with the board to introduce herself and to answer any questions the board may have about NACO. Witting informed the board that she is working on getting quotes for a proposal for health insurance benefits for the county. Witting will plan to present the proposal at the August 18, 2026 meeting.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer informed the board that he is working with the Grant County Sheriff to negotiate a contract for services. Brewer informed the board that he is once again seeking deputies.

County Attorney Jamain Simmons was present to discuss the Public Defender Contract. County Clerk stated that she had not received the contract so this will be discussed and acted on next meeting.

Kling made a motion at 11:30 A.M. to go into executive session with the County Attorney Jamian Simmons and County Clerk Sindy Coburn to discuss possible litigation. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion at 12:20 P.M. to come out of executive session with no action taken. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: 12:25 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman