

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 A.M. on August 18, 2026. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and Chuck Cover.

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 12, 2026.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-11-2026. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approve claims.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board of updates on the Antioch project. Waiting for all the changes to be put into the paperwork and then the board will review it all.

At 10 A.M. Chairman Krotz open up the advertised Road Hearing to discuss the vacating or abandoning Road #217 between Section 17 and 20 in Township 32, Range 44. Present: Glenna Vodicka the petitioner. The hearing was held open for 10 minutes.

Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-18 Abandoning and Vacating part of County Road #217 Between Sections 17 and 20 in Township 32, Range 44 with the land reverting to the owners of the

adjacent real estate, one-half on each side. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover informed the board about some force control actions. Liens have been filed against the property of Kyle Schwarting. He has 60 days to pay or a special assessment will be filed against his property.

Grover stated that she re-inspected the City of Gordon and still nothing has been taken care of. Grover tried to contact the City Manager but he was not in. She will try again this afternoon.

Jason Lindberg never picked up his certified mail, but as per state statute he was notified and Grover will move forward with getting a contractor to spray.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer informed the board about some concerns with the new telephone/internet system. The board will check into where they are with the update.

4-H Educator Melissa Mracek presented her 2026 June report to the board. Mracek informed the board that fair went very well. Mracek asked the board if they had any questions about her budget, because she is not available to come to the budget meeting on August 26th. Mracek will be attending the State fair with exhibits from the local fairs.

County Attorney Jamain Simmons was present to discuss the Public Defender Contract. The contract is with the Law Office of Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Watson, Patras & Watson, PC, LLO and is for a period commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, provided however that this agreement shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis unless terminated in writing by either party at least 30 days prior to the annual renewal date. Compensation is a flat rate of \$10,416.66 per

month. Messersmith made a motion to approve/adopt the agreement for Sheridan County Public Defender Services appointing Andrew M Pope as the Sheridan County Public Defender for 2026-27. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Public Comment: Commissioner Kling asked the County Attorney if county email correspondence were open for public review. Simmons stated that in most cases yes.

Adjourn: 11:20 A.M.

Attest: Cindy L Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman