

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 A.M. on August 25, 2026. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer & Toshia Jones.

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.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-18-2026 with corrections. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approve salary claims and signed claim checks.

County Treasurer Renee Thies presented her pledged security report to the board. Thies also presented a quote from Intra Links for new computers for her office. The board approved the quote.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported on a meeting that Messersmith, Krotz and himself had with the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding an approach to Highway 87 North of Rushville. NDOT was favorable to the change and will take it into consideration.

The board reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Antioch project. The board suggested to have the County Attorney review it.

Lyndon and Kory Hooper joined the meeting at 10 A.M.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer visited with the board about Distress Warrants. There were 46 warrants with 29 being collected and 17 uncollected. Messersmith made a motion to accept the Distress Warrant Report. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Steve Melnik of Colonial Insurance informed the board on changes to the group life and disability policies available to all county employees. He will touch base with the Clerk to arrange a time to come and meet with the employees.

Jamian Simmons & Melissa Grover joined the meeting at 10:50 A.M.

Jessica Witting and Judd Allen of the Nebraska Association of County Officials presented the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health insurance proposal. The board will review and compare with our current carrier and report back.

Kyle Schwarting and Brendon Marshalek met with the board to discuss a bill Schwarting had gotten for a forced control of noxious weeds. Schwarting stated that he never received anything that showed what was done. Schwarting stated that he lives in Lincoln and did not receive the notification until after the spraying took place. Schwarting stated that he did spray with a vinegar mixture that he uses in his organic farming.

Discussion was had about the Gordon landfill and the on-going problem he has had with the weeds that drift onto his property. Citizens throw the weeds in a pile on top of the hill and between the wind and birds it spreads to his property. Commissioner Kling stated that he would need to visit with SWANN about getting a dumpster for

disposal of the weeds. Schwarting presented the board with pictures to review and asked why telephone notification wasn't used. He once again declared that he did not receive the notice until 10 days after the deadline. Schwarting is asking for any help the board can give him.

The board asked Melissa to work with Jamian to write a letter to Schwarting and present it for the board to approve at their next meeting.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton returned with the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the County Attorney to review. After her review Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-19 authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with JEO Consulting for preliminary engineering services on the Antioch project. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 1:05 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman