COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 A.M. on November 10, 2026. All members present along with Deputy Clerk Paige Rager, Treasurer Renee Thies, Assessor Tina Skinner, Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Ryan Paul.

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. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 10-27-2026 with a correction on a date. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote Messersmith and Krotz voted aye and Kling abstained.

Veterans Services Officer Jason Hotz was present to discuss Great Plains Communications bill for the Annex building. Since the installation of the new telephone system; the VSO has noticed an increase in the departments' bill. After Discussion, Chairman Krotz informed that he would get in touch with the Great Plains Communications Account Executive to set up a time during a future meeting to receive a breakdown/explanation of each departments billed expenses via Zoom.

Preceeding the discussion of the Great Plains Communication bill presented by VSO Jason Hotz the board decided it would be in the countie's best interest to pay county communication bills out of miscellaneous general in future budgets. Messersmith made a motion to approve county communication bill to be paid out of miscellaneous general in future budgets. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Chairman Krotz informed Commissioner Kling and Messersmith that he would be resigning as the Floodplain Administrator at the end of the year. Krotz proposed the idea of a possible candidate; Mike Wellnitz; who is currently serving as the county Zoning Administrator. Messersmith and Kling asked Krotz to reach out to Mike Wellnitz.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton was present to give an update on the road department and on-going projects. Norton informed the board that his department will be switching to five - 8 hour days on 11-16-2026. Norton also informed the board that roadside mowing is underway.

Norton presented the board with the NDOT Agreement Project # STP – 87-4 (114). Kling made a motion to authorize Chairman Krotz to sign Resolution #2026-29. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Norton and the Board held discussion on setting a cap for utility ROW permits. Messersmith made a motion to set a cap of $10,000 for utility ROW permits. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was present for an update. Davis informed the board of a few upcoming dates that he will be gone. He will make arrangements for opening/closing of the courthouse building for those dates. The board asked Davis about the progress of the Court Room doors, Davis informed the board that the doors are nearing completion.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer was present to give an update on the Sheriff's Department. Brewer informed the board that the equipment that tests for blood alcohol levels is needing replaced due to the fact that the parts needed for repair are no longer available. The Commissioners

informed Brewer that the funds for the new equipment would be available and encouraged him to move forward with the purchase.

At 11 AM, County Attorney Jamian Simmons joined the meeting for a reconsideration of a motion that was approved in the October 20th meeting. The approved motion was to implement pay increases in January rather than October. Present for the reconsideration discussion; Commissioners – Krotz, Kling, Messersmith, Deputy Clerk Paige Rager, Treasurer Renee Thies, Assessor Tina Skinner, Clerk of District Court Carol Stouffer, Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover, VSO Jason Hotz and Ryan Paul.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons informed the board that the approved motion was not adequately described on the agenda for October 20, 2026 which might render the said approval void.

Discussion was held on the reconsideration of the implement of wage increases. Messersmith made a motion to rescind the approved motion from October 20th, the motion was defeated.

Chairman Krotz proposed and made a motion; it is our policy to implement wage increases for non-elected county employees on January 1st. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote Kling and Krotz voted aye and Messersmith voted no.

No Public Comment.

Adjourn: Noon

Paige Rager, Deputy Clerk James Krotz, Chairman