

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met by zoom at 9 A.M. on January 12, 2021. Zoom ID#3358213334 Passcode#109506 All members present. Paul 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 1-6-2021 and posed on the official county website.

Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye. Krotz made a motion to accept the minutes of 12-22-2020. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The board audited and approved the Board Pre-Approval Report presented to them by the Clerk.

The board did the official re-organization of the board. Krotz made a motion to retain Loren Paul as the Chairman of the board for 2021. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to appoint Bruce Messersmith as the Vice Chairman of the board for 2021. Paul seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Paul made a motion to appoint James Krotz as the official webmaster/secretary for the board. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Paul thanked Krotz for all his hard work.

Messersmith made a motion to retain all the board appointments as previous. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Loren Paul-SWANN, Aging Office of Western NE, Panhandle Public Health

James Krotz-Community Action, Emergency Management, GIVE, Extension

Bruce Messersmith- Region 1 Behavioral Health, Region 1 Office of Human Development

Krotz made a motion to designate the Sheridan County website (<https://sheridancounty.ne.gov/>) as the official means of notification for the meetings of the Board of Equalization and the Board of Commissioners and the Sheridan County Journal Star as the official newspaper of record. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-1 approving the following banks as county depository banks. Bank of the West-Gordon, First National Bank of Gordon, NPAIT (PMA Financial Network), Security First Bank of Hay Springs and Security First Bank of Rushville. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Paul made a motion to re-appoint Sindy Coburn as the NIRMA Contact person. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

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Road Superintendent Richard Cross discussed a request from Chuck Lemp for the release of a life insurance requirement. This requirement was requested by the board for work completion on the Cowboy Trail ballast project. No action was taken at this time.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that the bridge near the Gordon airport will be replaced with a double steel tube.

The board asked Cross to visit with the Sheriff about E-911 funds being used for replacement of sun-faded road signs.

Cross and Treasurer Renee Thies requested the board's approval to correct two errors on the road-side mowing assessments approved in December. Krotz made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-2 authorizing the correction of two parcel ID numbers. Goings #810006391 and Koinzan #810037645. Paul seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies visited with the board about a process of dealing with a returned check for E911 surcharges. Thies visited with the Deputy Co Attorney and the State Auditor Office for clarification.

Weed/Prairie Dog Superintendent Seth Tausan introduced Tim Brewer as the new USDA Animal Control Officer. Members of the Prairie Dog Control Board Jerry Meyring, Lloyd Kearns, Rich Schneider and Wayne Dreyer were present and reported that the program has been very positive. Messersmith made a motion to re-appoint Jerry Meyring and Lloyd Kearns for another 3 year term. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Tausan presented his Annual Noxious Weed Control Activity Report that has been submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The board asked questions of him and approved the report.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on the progress of several projects at the courthouse. The new counter-top has been installed in the Assessor's Office.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons presented an Addendum to Supplemental Indigent Defense Agreement with Andrew Pope of Crites Shaffer Connealy Watson Patras & Watson Law Firm. This addendum appoints Andrew Pope as the interim Public Defender for a term not to exceed 45 days from January 1, 2021. Krotz made a motion to authorize the Addendum. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The next step to proceed to fill the position of Public Defender is to advertise for the position and then appoint an advisory board of two attorneys and one lay person to review the applicants.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA discussed IT issues with the board. Everything seems to be going well.

Marie Nelson, Extension Assistant gave the board a report on November and December activities. Nelson informed the board that Fair will be one week later than normal this year.

Adjourn: 11:40 A.M.

Loren L. Paul, Chairman