

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:20 A.M. on February 25, 2025. Krotz and Kling present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Assessor Tina Skinner, Treasurer Renee Thies, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton. Messersmith was present via zoom due to illness and will not be voting today.

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 County website and posted in the Sheridan County Journal Star on February 19, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-18-2025. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board with her pledged security report. Thies stated that she had no changes from last month. Kling made a motion to accept the pledged security report. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies and Assessor Tina Skinner informed the board that their offices are going to be open on Arbor Day and allow their staff to use the 5 hours of holiday on a different day. This is a busy time of year for them and they feel it would be a benefit to remain open.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent informed the board that he has signed a one year contract with Croell for material at \$9/ cubic yard. Sherburn Trucking will start hauling immediately.

Discussion was had about NTC Trucking/Chris Thomas doing some of the road work for Sheridan County. The board would like to look at some of the roads that he has done.

Norton expressed that Tom Price has looked into a new computer system for the office and has found one he is interested in. Norton stated they would budget for it in 2025-26 budget year.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented the board with two quotes for a new 2025 Can-Am Defender Pro Limited Utility Vehicle. No Limit Power in Valentine for \$16,908.98 and Chadron Motor Company for \$17,284.00. The board stated that it has been budgeted for so Grover can make the decision as to what she feels is best. Grover stated that No Limit Power has agreed to remove and re-install the various fittings on our present UTV at no extra cost so she would probably go with them.

County Clerk Coburn questioned the purchase of a new Can-Am when the one we have is in good shape, very low mileage and only used minimal. Coburn is concerned about what the beginning balance for the budget is going to look like, with all the purchases lately.

Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Davis was present and asked if he could use the new Can-Am for snow removal in the winter months. He currently uses his own and gets reimbursed for the fuel. The problem is that it is housed in the Gordon Shop. Davis stated that he would be willing to store it at his personal shop in Rushville. He starts removing snow at the Extension Office and then comes to the Courthouse. The board did not approve this request.

Davis asked the board if they wanted to have more Tuck Pointing done this Spring/Summer. The board stated that they felt we should proceed.

The board reviewed a request for funds to provide public transportation around and throughout Sheridan County by the Senior Services program. Senior Services is applying to request Federal Funds and is requesting a Local fund match in the amount of \$17,704 from Sheridan County. This match would cover a two-year commitment (Fiscal year 2025-26 \$8,852 and 2026-27 \$8,852).

The Nebraska Department of Transportation has recently informed Senior Services to not plan on State assistance for the Fiscal year 2026-2027 budget. Due to the CARE Funds being diminished they have no plan to help with funding.

Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-07 instructing Senior Services Inc to apply for Federal Funds and authorize a local match commitment of \$17,704. (FY 2025-26 \$8,852 and FY 2026-27 \$8,852.) contingent upon acceptance by the other Sheridan County stakeholders of their requested commitments. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to authorize the board chairman to sign a building agreement with Senior Services, Inc to occupy office space in the Road Building commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027 at no cost. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Budget Coordinator, Caleb Johnson visited with the board about new legislation that has been introduced this year. He informed the board that as he learned more he would report back.

Adjourn: 12:25 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman

