

August 22, 2023  
Boardroom-Courthouse  
Loup City, Nebraska

## **Sherman County Board of Commissioners**

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 in the Boardroom of the Sherman County Courthouse with the following persons present: Kenneth Kaslon-Chairman, Larry Griffith Vice-Chairman and Tom Bandur. Also, present was Marcy Sekutera- Sherman County Clerk and Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Notice of the meeting was published in the Sherman County Times and given in advance to all members of the Board. At the beginning of the meeting, the Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act was posted on the South wall of the Boardroom with copies of the Act also available in the Boardroom for public viewing.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 3, 2023 regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve the previous minutes as written with proof of publication on file. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment –None

The Board reviewed the mail received, the claims submitted for payment, the Treasurer's Receipt Report for July and the Library Board minutes.

- **DISCUSSION**

- Melissa Dush- Sherman County Economic Development Director, monthly updates: Sprouts Child Care Initiative, Real Estate.
- Melissa Dush-Sherman County Economic Development Director, Ervan Dzingle & Mitch Dzingle-Bowman Lake Advisory Committee- reviewed grant documents and grant survey results with the Board. The Committee Members updated the Board on mowing, weed control and the need of rock on the North side of the Lake.
- Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney discussed gaming machine requirements and LB685 with the Board.
- Heather Sikyta reviewed the Interlocal Agreement for Veteran's Services with Hall County and suggested that the Board request expenditure reports from Hall County for administration and services that were performed for Sherman County. Mr. Kaslon updated the Board on the meeting he attended with Mr. Shuda and Hall County.
- Britney Gorecki- Budget Preparer, reviewed proposed fund transfers into the Road Department from the General, ARPA, Inheritance Tax and Highway Buyback Funds and transfer out of the General, ARPA and Inheritance Tax Fund for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.
- Michael Jepsen-Sherman County Sheriff discussed budget line items and the updating of equipment.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to go into closed session at 10:30a.m. with Michael Jepsen for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The Board returned to regular session at 10:45a.m.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement with Romans, Wiemer & Associates for annual audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025 rates of \$7,550, \$7900 and \$8250 with single audit of federal funds \$1500 - \$2000.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Letter of Commitment for Land & Water Conservation Fund grant match for Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail Project.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution No. 13-23, Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail-Federal Funding for Development for Outdoor Recreation and Chairman is to sign all documents.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Certification of Information and Documents for Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail grant application.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve a 1% allowable growth percentage for the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the claims submitted for payment and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for July 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Present for the review of Loader bids submitted through Sourcewell were Tony Randone of Road Builders Machinery & Supplies Co. and Colt Shafer of Murphy Tractor. After review and discussion, motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the Road Builders Machinery & Supplies Co. Sourcewell bid for a 2023 Komatsu WA320-8 Loader in the amount of \$241,391.02 with standard warranty and authorize Assistant Highway Superintendent to sign necessary documents.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to reject the motor grader bids submitted, new bids and specs to be reviewed at the next regular Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to approve bid submitted by Ericson Ford Inc. for a Ford F-150 for the Road Department in the amount of \$49,059.08. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- **DISCUSSION**
- General Road business was discussed with Eric Person- Assistant Highway Superintendent.
- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 12:00p.m.

The permanent record of these proceedings is available for viewing in the office of the Sherman County Clerk.

Marcy L. Sekutera  
Sherman County Clerk