

August 26, 2025
Boardroom-Courthouse
Loup City, Nebraska

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the Boardroom of the Sherman County Courthouse with the following persons present: Tom Bandur-Chairman, Kenneth Kaslon-Vice Chairman and David Siegel. Also present was Marcy Sekutera- Sherman County Clerk and Sasha Habe-Deputy County Clerk. 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. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 13, 2025, regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to approve the previous minutes as written with proof of publication on file. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment- None.
Public Present- Trent Loos

The Board reviewed the mail received, the claims submitted for payment, the Treasurer's Receipt Report for July 2025, the Library Board minutes and Region 26 minutes.

- **DISCUSSION**

- Britney Gorecki-Budget Preparer of Laurie Johnson LLC reviewed the 2025/2026 property tax request computation form and levy limit form with the Board. With the changes made to the Road Department, cash reserves and building and grounds funds, the projected levy for 25/26 is 0.243124 compared to 0.264725 for 24/25. The Board will review all office and department budgets by line item and adjust if needed.
- Jon Cannon-NACO Executive Director reviewed bills from the last legislative session with the Board and discussed how the bills affect the Counties.
- Linda Wilke Heil shared photographs of downed trees at Austin Cemetery caused by the last windstorm. Mrs. Heil stated they had to remove dead trees earlier this year, which was very costly and there are no funds remaining to remove the trees downed by the wind. The Board informed Mrs. Heil they will instruct the Highway Superintendent to help with the removal of the damaged trees.
- Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff discussed the hiring of a deputy with the Board.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Siegel and seconded by Bandur to cancel Check No. 20241361 payable to Midwest Radar & Equipment in the amount of \$200.00, check returned unable to forward or locate.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Seigel, Bandur, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve Resolution No. 13-25, recommitment to continued participation in the Region 26 Council, automatic renewal every five years.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to approve the claims submitted for payment and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for July 2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- Ted Tenski expressed his concerns about the site distance at the intersection of 466 Ave & Litchfield Road due to cedar trees. Mr. Tenski also questioned why there is a high crown on some of the county roads and lack of maintenance on the minimum maintenance roads throughout the County. Mr. Person stated that the crown is to be a 4 to 6 grade for drainage purposes. The minimum maintenance roads are worked twice a year and with all the rain and washouts this year on the main county roads they have not been able to get to the minimum maintenance roads. Mr. Person stated that they will get to them as soon as they can weather permitting.
- General road business was discussed with Eric Person-Highway Superintendent.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to go into closed session at 11:35a.m. with Woods/Aitken legal counsel, to receive advice on a personnel matter, for the protection of public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegel, Bandur, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
The Board returned to regular session at 11:53a.m.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to go into closed session at 11:54a.m. with Woods/Aitken legal counsel and Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney, regarding personnel matters within the County Attorney's Office, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual and for the protection of public interest.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Sikyta exited the closed session at 12:55p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 1:00p.m.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Bandur and seconded by Siegel to go into closed session at 1:00p.m. with Woods/Aitken legal counsel and Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff, regarding personnel matter within the Sheriff's Office, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual and for the protection of the public interest.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bergman exited the closed session at 1:40p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 1:50p.m.

- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Bandur adjourned the meeting at 2:45p.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