

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, December 27, 2024, in the Boardroom of the Sherman County Courthouse with the following persons present: Kenneth Kaslon-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 December 11, 2024, 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. Nays: None. Absent: Griffith. Motion carried.

Public Comment –Sheryl Curlo addressed the Board on the selection process, the frequency of testing and what is tested for during employee drug testing. Curlo also voiced concerns on how Road Department employees enter and exit the County Road Department Yards onto Highway 92. Curlo stated that there is a County Road Southeast of Ashton that has a washout area causing a partial road collapse that needs to be addressed.

Griffith present at 9:10a.m.

The Board reviewed the mail received, the claims submitted for payment, the Treasurer's Receipt Report for November 2024, the Library Board minutes, Region 26 minutes, the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers revoked licenses of Tobias S. Gay and the Letter of Resignation submitted by Deputy Ridge Neal.

- **DISCUSSION**

- Melissa Dush-Sherman County Economic Development Director, updates on the Rural Workforce Housing Grant.

- Joel Bergman- Sherman County Sheriff, monthly updates.

- Mitch Dzingle-Sherman County Noxious Weed Superintendent informed the Board of the issues with the ATV and sprayer.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to go into closed session with Heather Sikyta-County Attorney at 9:20a.m.- litigation, Shiadek/Baillie delinquent taxes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:30a.m. Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur directing County Attorney to file suit on property owners for delinquent taxes.

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

- ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Sherman County Economic Development Rural Workforce Housing letter of support.

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

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund Commitment in the amount of \$125,000.00.

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

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Separation of Employment Agreement between Sherman County and Deputy Ridge Neal as presented.

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

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the claims submitted for payment except for claim submitted by Sikyta Law Office, LLC in the amount of \$1,650.00, for preparation of the Sherman County Comprehensive Youth Services Community Plan for Crime Commission Grant -claim disallowed, work performed is County Attorney's Office responsibility- and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for November 2024.

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

- **CLOSED SESSION**

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to go into closed session at 10:17 a.m. with the City of Loup City Law Enforcement Committee Member- Marc Krueger and Joel Bergmann-Sherman County Sheriff on Law Enforcement Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bergman exited at 10:40a.m.

- The Board returned to regular session at 10:48a.m.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- **OPENING OF SEALED CULVERT BIDS**

- Eric Person-Highway Superintendent present. Chairman Kaslon noted proof of publication of Notice to Bidders for structure replacements and at 11:00a.m. opened all bids submitted and read aloud. The Board reviewed the bids and after discussion motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to accept the bids submitted by Ace/Eaton Metals for Structure No. C00, OCE #56-C-30 in the amount of \$33,056.00 and Structure No. C00, OCE #56-C-36 in the amount of \$30,500.00.

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

- **DISCUSSION**
- General road business was discussed with Eric Person-Highway Superintendent.
- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 11:50a.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