

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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. 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 January 10, 2024 regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Griffith 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 December 2023 and the Library Board minutes.

- **DISCUSSION**

Sherie Kuszak- Sherman County Assessor informed the Board that due to sales, irrigated land values will be increasing 10%, dry increasing 5% and grass increasing 7%.

Joel M. Bergman- Sherman County Sheriff discussed with the Board of the hiring of a deputy sheriff to fill a vacancy and needing to start the process to obtain an abandoned vehicle title for a 2001 Subaru. Also, discussed was the transferring the 2007 H&H Trailer from the Sheriff's inventory to the Road Department inventory.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to go into closed session at 9:30a.m. with Doug Anderson-Extension Educator to protect public interest, personnel and position. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:55a.m.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to cancel check No. 20231872 payable to Loup City Auto Parts in the amount of \$10.99, duplicate payment-Noxious Weed Department. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution No. 02-24 transfer of funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$49,874.00 for 2023 Ford F150 Police Responder 4X4. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to approve the hiring of a Law Enforcement Deputy due to vacancy. Roll Call Vote: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution No. 03-24 to appoint Joel M. Bergman to fill the vacancy of the Sherman County Sheriff for the 2023-2026 term, salary and benefits of the successor sheriff shall be the same as previously approved by the Sherman County Board of Commissioners for the elected office of sheriff. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to transfer the titled 2007 H&H car trailer from the Sheriff's Office inventory to the Road Department's inventory and authorize Sheriff Bergman to start the process for an abandoned vehicle title for the 2001 Subaru. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the claims submitted for payment and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for December 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- **Public Auction- Lease of tract of land in the SE1/4 of Section 12, Township13, Range 16.**
Chairman Kaslon announced to the public that the lease term is a five-year agreement and will be signed by the successful bidder and the County on the following described property; a tract of land in the SE1/4 of Section 12, Township 13, Range 16 Sherman County Nebraska containing 7.49 acres more or less. Chairman Kaslon started the bidding at \$850.00 a year. One member of the public was present. After the bidding ceased, Chairman Kaslon stated that the property is hereby leased to Tony Nilsen for \$850.00 each year and the lease agreement will be signed by all parties. Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith, that it is in the best interest of the County to accept the bid of Tony Nilsen for \$850.00 a year for a five-year lease and authorize Chairman to sign Lease of Land Agreement; the lease shall commence on January 23, 2024 and shall continue for a period of 5 years, Lessee agrees to pay a rental of \$850.00 per year payable on March 1, 2024; March 1, 2025; March 1, 2026, March 1, 2027and March 1, 2028. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- **DISSCUSSION**

- General Road business was discussed with Eric Person- Assistant Highway Superintendent.

- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 11:40a.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