

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 10, 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 and Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney. Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Notice of the meeting was given by advanced publication in the Sherman County Times, 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 June 25, 2024 regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur 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:

Tom Walthers voiced his concerns on the rough approach on his driveway caused by the motor grader which makes it hard when pulling low bottom trailers. Mr. Walthers also stated that the road ditches are higher than the road in some areas which makes for poor water drainage. The Board informed Mr. Walthers that the Highway Superintendent would be made aware of his concerns.

Alec Baillie- President and Betty Kuszak- Executive Director of the Sherman County Community Foundation presented information and back ground on Ed Kucera of Kucera Fine Art and discussed the possibility of displaying an original oil painting of Mr. Kucera's in the Courthouse.

Committee Reports:

Bandur- Region 26

The Board reviewed the mail received, the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Sheriff's Office and Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer's current list of securities, Treasurer's Financial Statement of January 1-June 30, 2024, Quarterly Reports of the Sheriff's Office and County Attorney, monthly expenditures reports, 2024 Sherman County Assessment-Farwell Irrigation District, 2020-21-22 Treasurer's Tax Remaining Reports and the Region 26 Council adopted 2025-25 fiscal year budget/County share.

- **DISCUSSION**

Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff monthly updates.

Melissa Dush-Sherman County Economic Development Director monthly updates, Sherman County Sprouts Child Care Initiative, Bowman Lake-Land & Water Conservation Fund Award & Agreement, LB 840 and discussed upcoming events.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve the request of the Litchfield Cemetery Board for the upkeep and mowing of the Lone Elm Cemetery in the amount of \$650.00 and the Lewis Cemetery in the amount of \$350.00 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

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

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the Letter of Engagement submitted by Laurie Johnson LLC., for 2024-2025 budget preparation.

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

- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Award and Agreement for Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail.

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

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- **PUBLIC HEARING-Vacation or abandonment of a portion of County Road 429.**

Chairman Kaslon opened the public hearing at 11:00a.m. for the purpose of hearing any objections, corrections or suggestions on the vacation or abandonment of a portion of County Road 429 in Section 5, Township 13 Range 13. In attendance was Eric Person-Highway Superintendent. No written comments were received.

Chairman Kaslon closed the public hearing at 11:15a.m. Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to table Resolution No. 11-24, until the July 23, 2024 regular Board Meeting.

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

- **DISCUSSION**

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

- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 11:45a.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