

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 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. The 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. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 22, 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.

Committee Reports:

Bandur- Sherman County Economic Development, Loup Central Landfill, Region 26

Kaslon- Sherman County Road Department Safety Committee

Siegel-Loup Basin Public Health Department

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, monthly expenditure report, NPDES General Permit for CAFO's- DMX Feeders, LLC and the 2024 Annual Tax Increment Financing Report-Village of Litchfield.

DISCUSSION

Melissa Dush-Sherman County Economic Development Director, monthly updates- Rural Workforce Housing Fund, Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail, Tourism/Promotion Projects, Center for Rural Affairs Food Pantry Program, Sherman County Sprouts Child Care Initiative and Sherman County HUBZone Designation.

Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff, promotion of Sergeant Wysocki to Chief Deputy and monthly updates.

Sherie Kuszak-Sherman County Assessor discussed the proposal submitted by Brian Hill for the updating of system tables with the Board.

Fabian Pena- F&A Concrete Finish, LLC, reviewed the Agreement and the timeline and schedule for the Sherman County West Sidewalk/ADA Ramp Project with the Board.

Mitch Dzingle-Sherman County Noxious Weed Superintendent informed the Board that the State has cut the funding for the Platte Valley Weed Management District. The Board requested that Mr. Dzingle report back to the Board after the Weed Superintendents June 5th meeting.

The Board reviewed the Joint Establishment and Operation of Loup Basin Public Health Department. Mr. Kaslon is to contact Jaci Walrath for the reappointment as a representative for Sherman County on the Loup Basin Public Health Board.

The Board reviewed the impact of LB247 and cost increases. Mr. Bandur stated the cost increases will not effective the County.

ACTION ITEMS

- Motion by Siegel 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 2025/2026 fiscal year.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve the SDL Application submitted by Scratchtown Brewing Company for event to be held June 21, 2025-Sherman Lake Homes.
Roll Call Vote: Siegel, Bandur, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance coverage for employee health and dental coverage; Ded \$2600.00/Co Pay, \$1700.00 buy down- Dental coverage -employee pay. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to approve and authorize Chairman to sign NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield Sub-Group application for employee health and dental insurance coverage to begin July 1, 2025.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to reappoint Ed Elsner, Dallas Lewandowski, Mitch Dzingle and Tom Bandur-Alternate to the Bowman Lake Advisory Committee, term ending April 2028.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegel, Kaslon. Nays: None. Abstain: Bandur. Motion carried.
- Motion by Siegel and seconded by Kaslon to approve the amended Agreement to Mow Bowman Lake Recreation Area for the 2025 mowing season with Nick Spotanski dba King Pin Mowing.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to approve FDIC Coverage through Intrafi with Citizens Bank & Trust. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to approve the Promotional Tourism Grant Application submitted by the Loup City Chamber of Commerce-Polish Days Committee in the amount of \$2,197.61 for Polish Days; advertising-booklets & posters. Roll Call Vote: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Ayes: Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Siegel to approve the Promotional Tourism Grant Application submitted by the Loup City Chamber in the amount of \$1,000.00; drone footage- promotional video for websites & social media. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Siegel and seconded by Kaslon to table the Promotional Tourism Grant Application submitted by the Sherman County Ag Society for advertising until June 11th regular board meeting-pending 501C3 status. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegel, Bandur, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve the Improvement Tourism Grant Application submitted by Sherman County Economic Development in the amount of \$3,360.00; two entranceway directional signs. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Siegel to table the Improvement Tourism Grant Application submitted by Sherman County Ag Society for VFW upgrades until June 11th regular board meeting-pending 501C3 status. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Siegel, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Siegel and seconded by Bandur to approve the Agreement to Remove & Replace Courthouse Concrete with F&A Concrete Finish, LLC- Courthouse West Sidewalk/ADA Ramp Project 2025 with a tentative start date of June 23, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Kaslon, Siegel. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- **CLOSED SESSION**
Motion by Bandur and seconded by Siegel to go into closed session at 10:50a.m. with Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual- personnel.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Siegel, Bandur, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 11:10a.m.
- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**
- **DISCUSSION**
- General road business was discussed with Eric Person-Highway Superintendent.
- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Bandur adjourned the meeting at 12:15p.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