

May 28, 2024
Boardroom-Courthouse
Loup City, Nebraska

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 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. 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 April 23, 2024 regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the previous minutes as written with proof of publication on file. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 special meeting as written. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Bandur, Region 26

Kaslon, Region III Behavioral Health Services

Griffith, Loup Basin Public Health, Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership Inc.

Public Comment –None.

The Board reviewed the mail received, the claims submitted for payment, the Treasurer's Receipt Report for April 2024, Treasurer's current list of securities, monthly expenditure reports, monthly reports of the County Clerk, Clerk of the District Court and Sheriff's Office, the Library Board minutes, Region 26 minutes, Disaster Declaration 2024 Tornado, Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission-2024 Findings, Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership 2023 Annual Report,

- **DISCUSSION**

- Melissa Dush-Sherman County Economic Development Director, Sherman County Sprouts Child Care Initiative- Open House and Ribbon Cutting July 12th, SCED real estate, LB840 update, 2024 Entrepreneurship Classes and updates on upcoming meetings and events.
- Don Shuda-Veterans Service Officer, Margy Goerl-Administrative Assistant, Arnold Palu Jr., Ronald Siegel, Ervan Dzingle and Wilfred Fredrick of the Sherman County Veterans Service Committee reviewed Veterans compensation, pension and disability payments in the amount of \$1,622,000.00 that were distributed to Sherman County Veterans and Family Members along with \$8,844.00 in Nebraska Aid for dental coverage with the Board. Mr. Shuda reviewed legislative bills and updates with the Board along with the renewal of the contract for services. Burrowes Post 48-American Legion and the Sherman County Veterans Service Committee recommended the Board reappoint Arnold Palu Jr. as a member of the Sherman County Veterans Service Committee as his term will expire June 30, 2024.
- Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff discussed an Interlocal Agreement between Valley County and Sherman County for Inmate housing, vehicle repair and enforcement and rescue at Sherman Reservoir.
- Beth Ferrell- NACO Legal Counsel, NACO events and legislative updates and possible bills for the next legislative session.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to go into closed session at 10:05a.m. with Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff, to protect public interest, update on current investigation. The Board returned to regular session at 10:15a.m.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services County match request for 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$7858.20.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to accept the recommendation of the Sherman County Tourism Committee and approve the promotional grant application submitted by the Loup City Area Chamber of Commerce for event booklets for Polish Days in the amount of \$1,886.92. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to accept the recommendation of the Sherman County Veterans Committee and approve the renewal contract for the Veteran Service Office for the 2024/2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$24,026.00; no increase from 2023/2024 fiscal year. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Kaslon to approve the recommendation of the Sherman County Veterans Committee and reappoint Arnold Palu Jr. as a Member of the Sherman County Veterans Service Committee for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the claims submitted for payment and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for April 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**
- **ACTION ITEMS**
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution No. 09-24, directing Highway Superintendent to submit in writing a report and recommendation as to the vacation or abandonment of a portion of County Road 429, Section 5, Township 13, Range 13.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 12:00p.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