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#### **(Neb.)-Sheridan County Commissioner Happenings**

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(SHERIDAN COUNTY)-Present at this week's Sheridan County Commissioner meeting were vice chair James Krotz, commissioner Jack Andersen and county clerk Sindy Coburn. Commissioner Dan Kling was excused.

Generations in Volunteer Effort (G.I.V.E.) Director Barb VanKerrebrouk reported to the board that in fiscal year 2011-2012, 382 volunteers reported 109,144 hours of service within the county. Her report included a new narrative component on the variety of services provided to efforts such as the county fair, Willow Tree Festival, county museums, schools, respite care, and transportation services to those seeking medical care.

Road superintendent Tom Kuester and foreman Richard Cross met with the commissioners for the opening of bids. Two bids for one or two bottom-dump gravel trailers were received from DMI of Rapid City and Highway Trailers of Kansas City, Mo. Because the difference in the bids depended largely on the trade-in allowances offered, the board decided to table the matter until January 28th so Kuester could research the possible cash sale value of their trade units.

Four bids were received for sealing a minimum of 32,000 lineal feet of cracks in blacktop pavement. The commissioners voted to accept the low bid of \$.52/foot from Hein Construction of Fairbury.

One bid was received for the hauling of 2,500 tons of red-rock from the Croell Streeter pit in South Dakota to Hay Springs. The bid was submitted by Kelly Construction of Gordon. The commissioners voted to accept the bid of \$12.80/ton. The board also approved a resolution setting the date and time for the one- and six-year road plan hearing for Monday, February 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the county road shop in Rushville.

Sheriff Terry Robbins and treasurer Peg Sones met with the board to discuss the audit and report that is necessary to receive wireless E-9-1-1 funding from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Rules and allowable expenses are still somewhat sketchy, but the county may be able to secure some \$50,000 for operations and the replacement of equipment for the wireless E-9-1-1 program.

Deb Dopheide of Keep Alliance Beautiful met with the commissioners to request county support for a grant proposal for a tire-recycling project. The project, if funded by the state, would permit individuals from Sheridan and Box Butte Counties to recycle up to 100 tires at no cost. The commissioners voted to submit a letter of support for the grant proposal. If approved, the recycling project would take place some time in September.

The board will meet next on January 28th at 9:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public, and visitors are welcome. The minutes of this and all commissioner meetings are available at the county clerk's office. All meetings are held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

--Submitted by James Krotz