

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

March 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. JW Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 49,553.93; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,053.86/employee share, 2,118.57; AT&T, phone system, 99.07; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, IT services, 4,613.88; Centurylink, phone, 322.23; Judge Aarron Conn, license, dues, 378.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 435.39; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 360.00/reimbursements/7,273.01; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.68; Lacy Klein, Mileage, 192.80; Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, service, 18.70; Lotton's Service, fuel, 40.40; Centurylink, phone, 253.90; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 157.29; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 5,696.60; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NE Assn of County Clerks, dues, 50.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher service, 151.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,224.84; NEA, electricity, 2,180.97; Panhandle County Treasurer's Association; dues, 25.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Robinson electric, courtroom upgrades, 1,128.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,807.93/employee share social security, 2,807.93/county share medicare 656.70/employee share medicare 656.70/ withholding, 2,677.24; Sioux County Clerk, check charge, 225.44; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Josh Skavdahl, mileage, 1,758.35; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 26.42; Smith, King & Simmons, PC, attorney fees, 170.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 7,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 119.50; UNL Extension, reimbursement, 10.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 93.80.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,398.34; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,009.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,730.62/employee share retirement, 1,820.40; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 84.60; Contractor Services, pavement markings, 12,000.00; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 92.00; Pepper Dodge, reimbursement, 29.98; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,054.35; Floyd's Truck, repairs,

184.53; Herren's, repairs, 194.35; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 1,189.45; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; Manley Welding, repairs, 1,471.83; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 41.94; Morrill Supply, supplies, 71.61; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher maintenance, 860.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,041.78; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 9,144.24; NEA, electricity, 155.89; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 3,136.63; James Phipps, supplies, 61.02; Powerplan, repairs, 4,274.37; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,301.24; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,348.02 /employee share social security, 2,348.02/county share medicare, 549.14/employee share medicare, 549.14/withholding, 2,138.67; Sioux County Clerk, plat map, 26.75; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 369.21; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; Gary Thayer, hitch, 1,800.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 750.51; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 134.90, WPCI, drug testing, 68.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 414.54.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,760.15; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 118.81/employee share retirement, 79.21; Books-A-Million, books, 425.58; Centurylink, phone, 11.54; Crawford Clipper, ads, 8.84; Herren's, supplies, 13.98; Mid America Books, books, 335.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.34; NEA, electricity, 344.06; NT & T phone, 119.67; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, postage, 139.96; Security First Bank, county share social security, 109.13/employee share social security 109.13/county share medicare, 25.52/employee share medicare 25.52/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 84.61; Herren's, supplies, 180.37; Jirdon, de-icer, 437.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Assoc., training, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.45; Nick Sanderson, mileage, supplies, 216.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 190.83/employee share social security, 190.83/county share medicare, 44.63/employee share medicare, 44.63/ withholding, 175.00.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP, Austin Paxson and Frank Sedum from NextEra Energy Resources, LLC discussed the wind energy project. The application for Conditional Use Permit has been filed on the project. A public hearing will be held on March 27 with the planning commission and one on April 1 with the county board.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. The tax sale is Monday, March 4.

Nick Sanderson discussed forest service grants available. Discussion was held on broken windows at the weed shop.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Melissa Mracek updated the board on recent extension activities. They are working with the fair board to make updates on the poultry barn at the fairgrounds. Pesticide training is coming up In March.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps requested vacation roll over for Bill Mack and Lyle Claussen. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the requests. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Gieser to give Phipps administrative authority to approve future vacation roll-overs. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the 1999 CAT backhoe. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-3 Vacating a portion of Indian Creek Road. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Phipps will advertise for a contractor to clean autogates.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the final draft of the Employee Handbook. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:00.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. No one from the public attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps, and Eric McCoy presented a summary of projects, and items were discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to close the public hearing, and open back into regular session.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk