

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 1, 2024 at 10:00 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. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the March 1 and 14, 2024 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser 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, 50,811.22; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,124.83/employee share, 2,170.55; AT&T, phone system, 99.07; Beef State Agency, insurance, 45,869.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, IT services, 4,568.88 Centurylink, phone, 321.43; Connecting Point, copy machine repair, 115.34; Crawford Clipper, publications, 670.31; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court costs, 300.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 351.77; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 328.55/reimbursements/2,423.36; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.68; JW Geier, mileage, 166.16; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 106.51; Lacy Klein, Mileage, supplies, 369.32; Centrylink, extension phone, 253.90; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; Marshall & Swift, handbook, 389.95; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, mileage, 130.45; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; Melissa Mracek, reimbursement, 136.29; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,249.00; NEA, electricity, 1,539.39; Panhandle County Clerk's Association; dues, 25.00; Quadiant Leasing postage meter, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 36.97; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 769.80; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 3,500.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,885.87/employee share social security, 2,885.87/county share medicare 674.93/employee share medicare 674.93/ withholding, 2,685.37; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 63.13; UNL Extension, reimbursement, 34.35; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 163.15; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 370.51.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,541.53; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,009.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,740.28/employee share retirement, 1,826.84; B&C Steel, supplies, 53.62; Bauerkempers, Inc. supplies, 92.00; Beef State Agency, insurance, 66,913.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 84.50; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 107.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 26.74; Dooley

Oil, fuel, 563.37; Frank Parts, parts, 63.92; Herren's, repairs, 78.43; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 46.48; Morrill Supply, supplies, 7.85; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 439.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher maintenance, 231.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,045.74; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 92.93; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,697.28; NEA, electricity, 95.94; Northern Truck Equipment supplies, 317.94; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,499.15; James Phipps, supplies, 243.84; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 789.86; Powerplan, repairs, 1,141.96; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,286.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,356.90 /employee share social security, 2,356.90/county share medicare, 551.21/employee share medicare, 551.21/withholding, 2,139.79; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 368.05; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 555.47; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 103.32.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,782.62; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.33/employee share retirement, 80.22; Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,898.00; Books-A-Million, books, 295.74; Herren's, supplies, 53.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.82; NEA, electricity, 247.81; NT & T phone, 71.29; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, postage, supplies, 249.81; Security First Bank, county share social security, 110.52/employee share social security 110.52/county share medicare, 25.85/employee share medicare 25.85/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,704.37; AgSpray Equipment, supplies, 225.82; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 250.04/employee share retirement, 166.70; Beef State Agency, insurance, 5,553.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 84.50; Herren's, supplies, 122.66; Loton's Service, fuel, 45.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.45; Quill, supplies, 158.74; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 469.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 197.12/employee share social security, 197.12/county share medicare, 46.10/employee share medicare, 46.10/ withholding, 175.00; Sioux County Clerk, plat maps, 53.50.

Kerri Rempp, Director of Discover Northwest Nebraska Travel Board asked the board to approve the appointment of Susan Williamson to the travel board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the appointment of Susan Williamson to the travel board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also provided an update on recent income and an accounting of revenues for the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Grant Fund. Rempp requested a change in how budgeting is done for the funds. Jean Norman also advised the board that funding doesn't always line up with the fiscal year, and asked that funding be changed for the two funds.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Zimmerman also provided the board with ag land values for 2024.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein reported on the recent tax sale.

Nick Sanderson discussed a bid he received from Castro Roofing for work needing done at the weed shop. Sanderson also advised the board about a possible grant for aerial spraying on forest service land.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. A contract with the USDA was discussed, further discussion and approval will be added to the May meeting agenda.

Allen Jodan updated the board on recent legislation.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps would like to advertise for gravel crushing bids at four locations. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for bids. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Phipps would like to chip seal 2 ½ miles on Monroe Canyon Road that was torn up last year, adding it to the Morrill Road chip seal project. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to move forward, depending on bids received on Morrill Road chipseal project. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Phipps advised the board that Lyle Claussen was recognized for 20 years of service to the county. Dave Saults was recognized for 10 years of service to the county. Linda Stangle thanked Phipps for the work done on Watson Road. Some discussion was held on the wind farm project.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess from 12:00 to 1:00.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk