

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 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. Hal Downer 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 July 1 and 16, 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, 51,410.32; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,154.94/employee share, 2,193.50; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Beef State Agency, workers comp., 1,147.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Laura Button, mileage, postage, 172.33; Bytes, IT services, 9,247.76; Centurylink, phone, 646.53; Comfort Inn, room, 119.95; Connecting Point, supplies, 656.91; Crawford Clipper, publications, 408.12; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 279.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 168.94; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,556.17; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.52; JW Geiser, mileage, 467.66; Lacy Klein, Mileage, meals, 93.80; Lotton's Service, fuel, 79.90; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,232.88; NEA, electricity, 489.98; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repairs, 1,783.60; PADD, dues, 788.48; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 215.98; Quill, supplies, 261.18; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 841.57; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 2,500.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,888.75/employee share social security, 2,888.75/county share medicare 675.59/employee share medicare 675.59/ withholding, 2,554.81; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/postage, 61.11/ testing, 300.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund, 20,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 12,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL Extension-Box Butte County, state car, 101.36; Village of Harrison, utilities, 559.0; Windbreak Cable internet, 123.09; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 203.01.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 39,519.75; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,491.21/employee share retirement, 1,660.79; Bauerkempers, repair, 15.30; Beef State Agency, worker's comp., 4,717.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 84.47 Crawford Clipper, ad, 62.80; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,241.47; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 237.70; Groskopf Mfg. repairs,

1,086.39; Herren's, repairs, 421.10; Lotton's, repairs, 1,424.90; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 200.85; Morrill Hardware, part, 2.37; Morrill Supply, supplies, 73.57; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 981.50; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,873.03; NEA, electricity, 73.99; James Phipps, fuel, supplies, 137.92; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 478.90; Powerplan, repairs, 1,630.70; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 6,678.44; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,174.61 /employee share social security, 2,174.61/county share medicare, 508.58/employee share medicare, 508.58/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 115.78; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, parts, 881.97; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 457.80; Village of Harrison, utilities, 120.25; WPCI, drug testing, 216.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism grant, 1,267.18; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, tourism, 125.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism grant, 1,267.17.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,932.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 130.44/employee share retirement, 86.96; Books-A-Million, books, 420.71; Crawford Clipper, subscription, 55.00; Herren's, building repair, 3,661.00; Mid America Books, books, 131.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 81.06; NE Library Commission, renewal, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 81.97; NT & T phone, 71.30; Quill, supplies, 544.53; Security First Bank, county share social security, 119.81/employee share social security 119.81/county share medicare, 28.02/employee share medicare 28.02/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 112.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 119.90.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 1,484.00; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 22,750.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,458.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 368.47/employee share retirement, 245.65; Beef State Agency, worker's comp., 510.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 84.47; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,726.00; Herren's, supplies, 82.90; Legacy Cooperative, chemical, 651.50; Lotton's Service, fuel, 1,102.48; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 96.21; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 120.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 301.66/employee share social security, 301.66/county share medicare, 70.55/employee share medicare, 70.55/ withholding, 266.42;

No one from the public was present to speak.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. 77-3443, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners received preliminary property tax requests from the following political subdivisions: Village of Harrison, Harrison Rural Fire Protection District and Sioux County Fair. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, yes; Dower, yes; Skavdahl yes. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has the duty of reviewing and either approving or disapproving the levy request of all political subdivisions allowed to levy a tax for tax year 2024-2025 under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Village of Harrison Nebraska, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2024-2025 of \$46,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2024-2025 of \$91,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,820.00 for a total of \$92,820.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2024-2025;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sioux County Fair requesting a preliminary tax request of \$37,225.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$744.50 for a total of \$37,969.50 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2024-2025.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the requested tax requests submitted by the foregoing political subdivisions under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443(8) providing the County with the responsibility of allocating up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority under subsection (1) of 77-3443 and not specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the addition of a scanner to the surplus property list and advertise same for sale. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Jackie Delatour to the Panhandle Public Health Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2024-2025 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate CSG as the printer for Joint Public Hearing postcards. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board.

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

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a Sioux County Travel Board promotion grant to the Sioux County Historical Society in the amount of \$455.95. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Kerri Rempp, Northwest Nebraska Tourism Director requested that the board request a current list of lodging tax permit holders from the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to make the request. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also asked for an increase to the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Grant Fund. The board will consider the request during budget discussions.

Allen Jordan met with the board to discuss an interlocal agreement with Dawes County for Veteran's Services. County Attorney Edmund is working on drafting an agreement. Jordan updated the board on issues he is working through.

A contract with Dawes County for predator control services was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Dawes County for predator control for one year. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2024-5, The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's office.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps updated the board on current road projects.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 3, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk