

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

September 3, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room September 3, 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. 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 August 1, 2024 meeting. 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, 54,075.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,373.61/employee share, 2,340.74; Dana Anderson-Cardwell, juror mileage, 69.68; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Gena Bannan, juror mileage, 16.08; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Darrell Braddock juror mileage/fee, 128.80; Donald Brush, survey, 727.50/juror mileage, 75.04; Sandy Buckley, juror mileage, 26.80; Mickayla Burg, juror mileage, fee, 115.40; Bytes, IT services, 4,623.88; Centurylink, phone, 316.32; Melanie Chapman, juror mileage, 85.76; Kayla Christensen, juror mileage, fee, 115.40; Wanda Clynke, juror mileage, 85.76; Michael Corbin, juror mileage, 16.08; Crawford Clipper, publications, 452.88; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 599.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 298.98; Carole Derr, juror mileage, 95.14; Alicia Dickey, witness fees, 108.44; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 586.16; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,133.29; AT & T Mobility, phones, 341.34; Brenda Fulk, juror mileage, 69.68; Spencer Gillen, juror mileage, 80.40; Annette Godby, juror mileage, 92.46; Chance Gonka, juror mileage, 40.20; Garret Gray, juror mileage, 20.10; Lane Grote, juror mileage, 6.70; Herren's, supplies, 7.45; Ronald Hettinger, Jr., juror mileage, fee, 88.60; Jacqueline Hill, juror mileage, 67.00; Paul Hofmeister, witness fees, 107.10; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 81.26; Eric Kreman, juror mileage, 33.50; Jaymie Lambert, juror mileage, 18.76; Ashley Lara, juror mileage, 87.10; Chris Laucomer, juror mileage, 67.00; Albert J. Legault, juror mileage, 34.84; Kristina Lotton, juror mileage, 13.40; Lotton's Service, fuel, 153.65; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimburse supplies, 182.42; Courtney Miller, juror mileage, 87.10; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,075.70; Lori Moore, juror mileage, 93.80; Michael Morava, juror mileage, 34.84; Mandy Murphy, witness fees, 533.22; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,411.77; Nextoner, LLC, supplies, 240.30; NEA, electricity, 642.84; Henry Nipper, PHD, witness fees, 7,659.63; Calvin Niss, juror mileage, fees, 102.00; Christina Oldaker, juror mileage, 26.80; Kimberly Perkins, juror mileage, 69.68; Shane Peters, juror mileage, 25.46; Print Express, supplies, 422.40; Ashley Quick, juror mileage, 64.32; Quill, supplies, 193.00; Region 1 Office of Human Development, services, 2,190.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,109.78; Santander Bank, sheriff vehicle payment, 8,393.00; Kristin Schneider, juror mileage, fees, 115.40; Security First Bank, county share social security,

3054.02/employee share social security, 3,054.02/county share medicare 714.26/employee share medicare 714.26/ withholding, 2,853.48; Daniel Seier, juror mileage, 67.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 24.59/postage, 9.68/ testing, 113.48/ copies, 97.50; Kenneth Stangle, juror mileage, 67.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Heather Staudenmaier, juror mileage, 20.10; Kelly Strain, juror mileage, 73.70; Charles Stratton, juror mileage, 77.72; Andrea Symonds, juror mileage, 61.64; Tricia Thayer, juror mileage, 20.10; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 22,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 67.21; Village of Harrison, utilities, 632.35; Anne Waite, juror mileage, 60.30; Thomas Watson, juror mileage, 80.40; Penny Westover, juror mileage, 30.82; Windbreak Cable internet, 59.95; Jon Woodrum, juror mileage, 33.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 599.65/juror meals, 118.40/dues, 25.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,108.42; 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; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Cody Bruegger, repair, 375.00; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; City of Gering Landfill; garbage, 39.99; Contractors Materials, supplies, 66.00; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 153.25; Groskopf Mfg. repairs, 175.03; Herren's, repairs, 61.49; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 17.57; Kaufman Trailers, LLC, trailer, 49,965.00; Legacy Cooperative, 159.48; Lotton's, repairs, 274.78; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 63.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 29.76; Murphy tractor & Equipment, repair, 1,750.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 987.06; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 361.56; NEA, electricity, 85.23; James Phipps, supplies, 21.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 3,387.50; Powerplan, repairs, 2,198.17; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,838.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,211.11 /employee share social security, 2,211.11/county share medicare, 517.11/employee share medicare, 517.11/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 236.68; TDS, garbage, 35.00; Trailer Delivery Service, delivery fee, 1,800.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 682.03; Village of Harrison, utilities, 122.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 185.94; WPCI, drug testing, 176.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 131.49.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 455.95.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,797.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.34/employee share retirement, 80.89; Books-A-Million, books, 374.85; Crawford Clipper, publication, 8.16; Herren's, supplies, 1.79; Mid America Books, books, 351.20; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 78.15; NEA, electricity, 104.99; NT & T phone, 75.50; The Penworthy Company, supplies, 201.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 111.45/employee share social security 111.45/county share medicare, 26.07/employee share medicare 26.07/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 106.25.

SIoux COUNTY US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 253,000.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 6,776.59.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,444.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 367.49/employee share retirement, 245.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Capitol One Trade Credit, supplies, 179.96; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Crawford Clipper, publications, 144.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,187.50; Herren's, supplies, 10,786.61; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 269.90; Lotton's Service, fuel, 1,288.06; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 95.76; Nick Sanderson, mileage, meals, 501.89; Security First Bank, county share social security, 300.76/employee share social security, 300.76/county share medicare, 70.34/employee share medicare, 70.34/ withholding, 265.03;

No one from the public was present to speak.

Paul Strommen, Republican candidate for District 47 Legislature introduced himself. Strommen outlined his mission, and discussed issues regarding counties.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign an audit engagement letter with Contryman Associates, P.C. to conduct the county audit for fiscal year end June 30, 2024. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign a Statement of Acceptance and Possession and Future Responsibility for future maintenance/repair/replacement/disposal outside of the technical support contract provided by the AOCF regarding new courtroom equipment. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for professional appraisal services of mineral property in Sioux County for 2025-2026. 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 23, 2024 at 1:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Mary Weaver met with the board regarding prairie dogs on land that she owns at Orella. Nick Sanderson presented procedures to manage prairie dogs through the "Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act". Phone numbers for individuals who manage prairie dogs were given to Ms. Weaver.

Nick Sanderson met with the board and said that the repairs at his shop building will begin this month.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. McCumbers stated that he had submitted a claim for a new 2024 Tahoe to be paid in full. He is working on financing for the vehicle. There is no way to put off the purchase like last year. The vehicle is \$49,000 with an additional \$16,000 for upfit costs. Commissioner Skavdahl asked why employees can't transfer vehicles during shift changes, and McCumbers responded that it is inconvenient. McCumbers will work within his budget to

make the lease payment, as it can't wait till next year. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to deny the claim to Bob Ruwart Motors for a 2024 Chevy Tahoe. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Allen Jordan met with the board. Jordan has been appointed Aide-de-camp to the National Commander. The Harrison VFW post received an All-American award and will be having a celebration on September 29 at 4:00. Amy Buckley and Jordan are working on getting financing for a community center.

Gale Henry met with the board, and discussion ensued regarding predator services. Interviews have been held for the newly created position which Dawes and Sioux Counties will share within the new contract.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to ratify Commissioner Skavdahl signing a New National Opioids Settlement Agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus a CAT backhoe and a Schwartz low-boy trailer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Inventories for the various county offices were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the inventories as presented. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

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

At 1:25 p.m. a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel issue was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 1:40 p.m. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet October 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

