

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. J.W. Geiser 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 September 3, 11 and 23, 2024 meetings, with the correction of the date on the September 11 Board of Equalization minutes corrected to read September 11, rather than September 10. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 50,211.37; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,132.06/employee share, 2,175.18; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Beef State Agency, bond, 382.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Bob Ruwart Motors, downpayment Sheriff Tahoe, 10,000.00; Bytes, IT services, 6,514.55; Centurylink, phone, 316.85; Crawford Clipper, publications, 611.90; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, district court costs, 612.50; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 11.55; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 39.95; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 913.40; AT & T Mobility, phones, 550.00; Steve Johnson, mileage, 67.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 134.00; Lotton's Service, supplies, 18.00; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; Melissa Mracek, mileage, 168.19; NACO, registrations, 430.00; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 24.21; NE Dept. of Revenue, class, 270.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,200.75; NEA, electricity, 589.84; JoElla Norman, mileage, 174.20; Quadient Finance, USA, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, postage meter, 840.00; Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority 24-25 assessment, 5,564.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 685.86; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,814.41/employee share social security, 2,814.41/county share medicare 658.22/employee share medicare 658.22/ withholding, 2,522.74; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 24.64; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 15,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 148.65; UNL Extension, mileage, 124.96; Village of Harrison, utilities, 603.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 163.16; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 283.41.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 39,822.04; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,492.28/employee share retirement, 1,661.51; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Contractors Materials, supplies, 66.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,544.78; Floyd's

Truck Center, repairs, 208.25; Herren's, repairs, 76.98; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 65.14; Kaufman Glass, repair, 550.00; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 159.48; Lotton's, repairs, 1,855.15; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 18.00; Chad McCumbers, battery, 235.39; Morrill Supply, supplies, 315.84; NE Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 1,228.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 980.16; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 6,677.21; NEA, electricity, 80.74; James Phipps, supplies, 31.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 2,727.23; Powerplan, repairs, 2,795.42; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,959.35; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,193.36/employee share social security, 2,193.36/county share medicare, 512.96/employee share medicare, 512.96/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 358.01; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repair, 271.44; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 446.75; Village of Harrison, utilities, 120.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 93.39; WPCI, drug testing, 176.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 131.49.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND: Topkote, armor coat, 87,106.52

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 495.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 495.00.

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, 187.19; Crawford Clipper, publication, 9.18; Junior Library Guild, supplies, 11.15; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 78.15; NEA, electricity, 98.78; NT & T phone, 72.78; 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, 114.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,429.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 366.51/employee share retirement, 244.35; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,117.00; Herren's, supplies, 73.04; Legacy Cooperative, repair, 651.50; Lotton's Service, fuel, 733.25; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 95.32; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 117.92; Security First Bank, county share social security, 299.86/employee share social security, 299.86/county share medicare, 70.13/employee share medicare, 70.13/withholding, 263.65.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Allen Jordan, VSO met with the board to discuss issues to be brought up at the legislative conference. Jordan will have a resolution on "Operation Green Light" at the November board meeting.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein discussed Resolution 2024-7, a resolution causing delinquent taxes on personal property, mobile homes, etc. to be stricken from the tax list. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the resolution. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. Commissioner Downer asked about illegal immigrant issues in the county. Sheriff McCumbers said it is possible, but nothing has been verified. McCumbers added that people should keep an eye on abandoned houses.

Ashley Ahrens provided a financial report from the extension office. October 20 the Fun Feed will be held at the fire hall. Next week is National 4-H week. UNL is waiving application fees from now until November 1. Interviews will be held for an office manager. Ahrens is teaching CPR, so anyone needing training can contact the extension office.

County Attorney Edmund advised the board that an interlocal agreement with Dawes County for Veteran's Service Officer is being discussed with hours between the two offices being sorted out.

Discussion was held on placing a moratorium on renewable energy until a regulation regarding solar farms can be reviewed and put in place.

Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve a drought declaration. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Casey Bach introduced himself to those in attendance. Casey was hired for the predator control position to be shared with Dawes County.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps updated the board on current road projects. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase of pintle hitch trailer for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a lease/purchase option on an excavator from CAT.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2024.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

