

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 1, 2024 at 9:09 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Josh Skavdahl. 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 Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the October 1 and 18, 2024 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 50,422.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,148.69/employee share, 2,186.43; AT&T, phone system, 102.03; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Bytes, IT services, 4,513.88; Centurylink, phone, 318.58; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 39.09; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, printer, 740.00; J. Adam Edmund, mileage, meals, 896.51; ES&S, election supplies, 6,732.31; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 1,786.10; AT & T Mobility, phones, 671.70; Henne Family Funeral & Cremation, exam, 768.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 125.66; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.36; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 41.27; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,973.30; NACO, registrations, 175.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, textbook, 360.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,211.48; NEA, electricity, 508.21; Pete's Quick Lube, service, 81.11; Quill, supplies, 297.17; Region 23 Emergency Management, FY 2024, hazard plan, 22,687.02; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 432.82; Roberts Electric, handicap door installation, 316.62; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,827.52/employee share social security, 2,827.52/county share medicare 661.27/employee share medicare 661.27/ withholding, 2,564.97; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.00/ room, 627.34/ law book, 97.50; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Joe Stecher, room, meals, 720.85; Transfer to Library Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 150,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 187.89; UNL Extension, mileage, 93.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 486.05; Windbreak Cable internet, 113.15; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, rooms, meals 1,168.16.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,752.78; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,507.31/employee share retirement, 1,671.53; Aulick, repairs, 231.29; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 84.30; Contractors Materials, supplies, 24.75; Dooley Oil, fuel 441.92; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 3.21; Frank Parts, parts, 23.48; Herren's, repairs, 189.85; Horse Creek Tire,

repairs, 32.57; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 7,828.36; Lotton's, repairs, 1,185.76; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Eric McCoy, fuel, 30.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 72.36; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,003.46; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 229,720.16; NEA, electricity, 75.92; Northern Truck Equipment, repairs, 719.74; James Phipps, supplies, 21.09; Powerplan, repairs, 12,652.63; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,306.36; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,251.06/employee share social security, 2,251.06/county share medicare, 526.46/employee share medicare, 526.46/withholding, 2,061.85; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 514.80; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 384.75; Village of Harrison, utilities, 118.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 95.49; WPCI, drug testing, 400.00;.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$2,205.81; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 148.89/employee share retirement, 99.26; Books-A-Million, books, 366.67; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 88.43; NEA, electricity, 81.65; NT & T phone, 74.27; Quality Carpet Care, repairs, 6,675.50; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 111.22; Security First Bank, county share social security, 136.76/employee share social security 136.76/county share medicare, 31.98/employee share medicare 31.98/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 104.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, historic tax filing, 120.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,385.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 296.04/employee share retirement, 197.37; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 84.30; Heritage Seed, chemical, 632.00; Herren's, supplies, 383.30; Lotton's Service, fuel, 866.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 63.21; Noel Santistevan, rental, 300.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 235.14/employee share social security, 235.14/county share medicare, 54.99/employee share medicare, 54.99/ withholding, 175.00.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board. The new trailer is here, and the old one has been sold on Purple Wave Auctions. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to advertise for gravel crushing. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to sign Resolution 2024-8, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve a Right-of-way permit for Michael Asmus on County Road SB. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Phipps regarding the hours that he is working. The issue will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Allen Jordan, VSO met with the board to ask the board to approve "Operation Green Light", supporting veterans. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the resolution. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Jordan will be transporting veterans to a "Mission of Mercy" to have dental work done.

Sue Teal, Director of Emergency Services for Region 1 Behavioral Health met with the board to give an update of services provided. Discussion was held on the 988 initiative system, and an initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the surplus of a laptop and printer and to offer those for sale. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Susanna Parker for Sioux County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board

LeAnne Skavdahl for Sheriff McCumbers provided financial reports.

Discussion was held on placing a moratorium on renewable energy until a regulation regarding solar farms can be reviewed and put in place. A planning and zoning meeting will be scheduled for November 20 to discuss the issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk