

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 2, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 2, 2024 at 9:34 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Josh Skavdahl joined the meeting at 9:50. 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 November 1, 2024 meeting. 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, 50,617.85; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,116.45/employee share, 2,163.64; Dana Anderson-Cardwell, juror mileage, 71.02; AT&T, phone system, 102.03; Gena Bannan, juror mileage, 16.08; Sarah Bannan, mileage, election, 75.04; Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,308.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Darrell Braddock, juror mileage, 93.80; Sandy Buckley, juror mileage, 26.80; Terry Butcher, juror mileage, 71.02; Bytes, IT services, 4,568.88; Centurylink, phone, 324.52; Kayla Christensen, juror mileage, 79.06; Clinical Laboratory of the Black Hills, autopsy, 2,320.00; Wanda Clyncke, juror mileage, 80.40; Michael Corbin, juror mileage, 16.08; Crawford Clipper, publications, 885.29; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 1,908.64; Carole Derr, juror mileage, 96.48; Dooley Oil, fuel, 149.89; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, supplies, 212.44; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 311.00; AT & T Mobility, phones, 542.40; Brenda Fulk, juror mileage, 67.00; JW Geiser, mileage, room, 583.38; Spencer Gillen, juror mileage, 79.06; Laurel Ginkens, election judge, mileage, 217.72; Chance Gonka, juror mileage, 46.90; Lane Grote, juror mileage, 6.70; Dalora Sue Gullikson, canvass board judge, mileage, 143.85; Hagen, door repair, 630.00; Ruth Hamaker, election judge, 207.00; James Henderson, election judge, mileage, 167.12; Herren Brothers, supplies, 25.47; Ronald Hettinger, juror mileage, 67.00; Cynthia Kaan, election judge, mileage, 207.00; Lacy Klein , mileage, 93.80; Eric Kreman, juror mileage, 26.80; Jaymie Lambert, juror mileage, 18.76; Ashley Lara, juror mileage, 91.12; Chris Laucomer, juror mileage, 67.00; Kristina Lotton, juror mileage, 13.40; Lotton's, fuel, 74.30; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.36; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 187.15; Courtney Miller, juror mileage, 87.10; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,276.96; James Moore, election judge, mileage, 212.09; Lori Moore, juror mileage, 96.48; Michael Morava, juror mileage, 34.84; NACO, dues, 1,190.52; National Association of Counties, dues, 450.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,193.69; NE Sheriff's Association, membership, 235.00; NEA, electricity, 682.07; Calvin Niss, juror mileage, 67.00; Christina Oldaker, juror mileage, 26.80; Kimberly Perkins, juror mileage, 72.36; Debby Petersen, election judge, 207.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Ashley Quick, juror mileage, 64.32; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 836.17; Kristin Schneider, juror mileage, 91.12; Scotts Bluff Co. Detention Center,

boarding, 360.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,839.63/employee share social security, 2,839.63/county share medicare 664.12/employee share medicare 664.12/ withholding, 2,527.60; Daniel Seier, juror mileage, 73.70; Sioux County Court, court costs, 106.50; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.38/ autopsy, 500.00/postage, 73.00/ filing fees, 87.00; Kenneth Stangle, juror mileage, 67.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Heather Staudenmaier, juror mileage, 16.08; Charles Stratton, juror mileage, 73.70; Andrea Symonds, juror mileage, 61.64; Tricia Thayer, juror mileage, 16.08; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Pete Unrein, juror mileage, 80.40; USDA, APHIS, predator control, 8,846.06; Village of Harrison, utilities, 407.20; Anne Waite, juror mileage, 91.12; Penny Westover, juror mileage, 30.82; Shon Whetham, juror mileage, 60.30; Windbreak Cable internet, 59.95; Jon Woodrum, juror mileage, 30.82; Marilyn Wright, juror mileage, 22.78; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, meals 514.69.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,541.53; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 220.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,740.28/employee share retirement, 1,826.84; Beef State Agency, insurance, 291.00; Beguin Propane, propane, 492.10; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 83.12; Dooley Oil, fuel 4,198.85; Herren's, supplies, 123.47; Kaufman Glass, glass, 300.00; Legacy cooperative, supplies, 757.12; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, 475.51; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 112.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 386.43; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,071.65; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 16,628.06; NEA, electricity, 83.63; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 181.94; James Phipps, supplies, registrations, 356.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repair, 228.58; Powerplan, repairs, 2,467.30; ; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 9,572.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,358.73/employee share social security, 2,358.73/county share medicare, 551.64/employee share medicare, 551.64/withholding, 2,145.34; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 442.64; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 353.14; Valley Mercantile, supplies, 1,244.20; Village of Harrison, utilities, 112.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 101.92; Wilburn's Transmissions, Inc., repair, 1,182.19.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism, 21.58.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,782.62; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.33/employee share retirement, 80.22; Book Systems, Inc., books, 1,229.00; Books-A-Million, books, 300.69; Crawford Clipper, supplies, 8.84; Herren's, supplies, 27.20; Kent Adhesive Products Company, supplies, 140.40; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.82; NEA, electricity, 99.32; NT & T phone, 74.27; 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, 72.25.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 1,107.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; AgSpray Equipment, supplies, 451.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink,

internet, 83.12; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Herren's, supplies, 76.88; Lotton's Service, fuel, 280.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, dues, 235.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.25; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 190.58; Security First Bank, county share social security, 186.59/employee share social security, 186.59/county share medicare, 43.64/employee share medicare, 43.64/withholding, 175.00.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-9, the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The full resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update regarding his NDA evaluation. He is still waiting for the contractor to do the repairs on the weed shop building. Sanderson has been advised that the Weed Fund will be receiving a \$15,000 grant from NE Forest Service for spraying on forest service lands. Commissioner Skavdahl asked if Sanderson would be willing to be recertified for controlling prairie dogs. Sanderson said he could get the training and get recertified.

Sheriff McCumbers provided financial reports and an update on activities to the board. The Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Cassie Barrera, Extension Office Manager updated the board on activities.

The board discussed the zoning regulations regarding a landfill in the county. More research is needed.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-8, a resolution to place a moratorium on renewable energy for a period of 6 months to allow time for review of and the language, and potential changes to the Comprehensive Plan and County Zoning Regulations regarding renewable energy. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Brenda Chase to the Sioux County Travel Board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Rustin Starkey's resignation as Grounds-Keeper, effective December 20, 2024. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The position will be advertised. Discussion was held on combining the position with the courthouse janitor position.

Gale Henry inquired about the damage control program. Commissioner Geiser advised that Casey Bach is working on getting the certifications needed.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board. Discussion was held with Phipps regarding the hours that he is working, and Eric McCoy's position of Assistant Superintendent. Hourly wages will be discussed further in January.

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

Purchase of a trailer for the road department was discussed. Road Superintendent Phipps would like to purchase a different trailer than the one previously approved. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the purchase of a trailer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Phipps reported that people are using personal equipment to work on county roads. Attorney Edmund, Phipps and the Board reviewed statutes concerning the issue, as well as tree maintenance in the county right of ways.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet January 2, 2025.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk