

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

February 3, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, and Hal Downer. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Michelle Zimmerman opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2025 meeting. On roll call vote Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 52,652.94; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,260.10/employee share, 2,264.33; AT&T, phone system, 102.27; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Bytes, IT services, 5,727.44; Centurylink, phone, 318.08; Crawford Clipper, publications, 244.44; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 39.62; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 1,727.47; Dooley Oil, fuel, 61.75; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 311.00; AT & T Mobility, phones, 454.80; Herren's, supplies, 5.99; Lacy Klein, mileage, 98.00; Centurylink, phone, 254.36; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 657.61; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,023.10; NACO, registrations, 495.00; Garrette Naillon, fuel, 54.01; NE Assn. of County Treasurers, dues, 75.00; NE District Court Clerks Assoc., dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,229.22; NEA, electricity, 1,874.71; Panhandle Co. Assessor's Association, dues, 125.00; Panhandle Co. Treasurer's Association, dues, 25.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, LLC, supplies, 81.48; Quill Corporation, supplies, 451.74; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 461.81; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,965.34/employee share social security, 2,965.34/county share medicare 693.49/employee share medicare 693.49/ withholding, 2,621.41; Security First Bank, box rent, 17.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.51/filing fees, 87.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 30,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 172.51; UNL, Extension, mileage, 2.17; Village of Harrison, utilities, 385.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 169.54; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 98.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,668.81; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,140.88; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.16; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,816.92/employee share retirement, 1,877.94; Aulick, repairs, 5,789.54; Beguin Propane, propane, 600.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,637.16; Centurylink, internet, 83.92; Chadrad Communications, ad, 100.00; Contractors Materials, supplies, 152.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 48.60; Dooley Oil, fuel, 509.56; Herren's, repairs, 187.41; Legacy Cooperative, repairs, 2,009.24; Lotton's, fuel, repairs,

77.70; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 252.15; Morrill Supply, supplies, 79.68; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,052.90; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 11,360.72; NEA, electricity, 87.48; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 44.24; James Phipps, fuel, supplies, 1,033.43; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires & repairs, 483.96; Powerplan, repairs, 1,987.71; Purple Wave, snow plow, 5,940.00; Quill, supplies, 34.99; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,030.22; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,363.85 /employee share social security, 2,363.85/county share medicare, 552.83/employee share medicare, 552.83/withholding, 2,154.92; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 148.59; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 261.01; Valley Mercantile, repairs, 2,372.55; Village of Harrison, utilities, 118.25; Village of Morrill, 117.15; WCPI, drug testing, 380.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,677.76; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 129.67/employee share retirement, 86.45; Books-A-Million, books, 513.14; Mid-America Books, books, 293.40; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.34; NEA, electricity, 269.97; NT & T, phone, 74.32; Roanco Sprinklers, maintenance, 213.49; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 668.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 104.02/employee share social security 104.02/county share medicare, 24.33/employee share medicare 24.33/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 66.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 119.90.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; Ag Spray Equipment, supplies, 512.08; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 34.34; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 250.49/employee share retirement, 166.99; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 83.92; Herren's, supplies, 93.48; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.03; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 53.20; Security First Bank, county share social security, 193.21/employee share social security, 193.21/county share medicare, 45.19/employee share, medicare, 45.19/ withholding, 175.00.

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

Justin Tollman, Beef State Agency updated the board on county insurance coverages.

Amy Buckley updated the board on VSO activities. The local VFW earned all-state honors again. Options regarding upkeep on the VFW hall building were discussed. Buckley would like to get public input regarding replacing the building.

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

Nick Sanderson advised the board that Castro Roofing is going to look at the shop building, and the repairs that need done.

LeAnne Skavdahl provided the monthly fee summary for the sheriff's department.

Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the proposal from Bytes IT for IT services. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP, and Austin Paxson NextEra Energy Resources, LLC met with the board to discuss Road Use and decommissioning agreements for the wind energy project. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the Road Use Agreement. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Edmund and Deputy Attorney Dan Skavdahl discussed the decommissioning agreement. Skavdahl made a wording change. The changes will be made, with the agreement to be ready for review and approval at the March 3 meeting.

Discussion was held on the job description for a courthouse janitor and groundskeeper. Snow removal by county employees was discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the job description and to advertise for the position. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Assistant Eric McCoy met with the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to award the gravel crushing project to Crush-Tech. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Bridge management was discussed. Phipps will work under Larry McCaslin to finish his certification.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 3, 2025.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk