

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

March 3, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 3, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Also present was Deputy County Clerk JoElla Norman. 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 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, 51,237.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,145.47/employee share, 2,181.13; AT&T, phone system, 102.85; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Centurylink, phone, 325.69; Crawford Clipper, publications, 330.18; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 322.47; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 1,929.30; Dooley Oil, fuel, 55.69; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 1,724.55; AT & T Mobility, phones, 454.80; Herren's, supplies, 22.85; Robert Allen Jordan, room, mileage, 535.22; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 218.31; L-Tron Corp., equipment, 450.00; Lotton's, fuel, service, 873.87; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; Marshall & Swift, handbook, 393.95; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 1,029.12; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 5,844.87; NACO, handbook, 100.00; National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, dues, 50.00; Garrette Naillon, registration, 31.25; NE Assn. of County Clerks, dues, 50.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, reinstatement fee, 100.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., service, 216.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,183.65; NEA, electricity, 2,590.10; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, LLC, supplies, 555.64; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 764.46; Robert Brenner Law Office, court appointed attorney, 7,683.30; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,877.62/employee share social security, 2,877.62/county share medicare 673.01/employee share medicare 673.01/ withholding, 2,566.29; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 22.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.51; LeAnne Skavdahl, mileage, 252.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 48.08; Village of Harrison, utilities, 385.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 172.73; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 462.70.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 43,710.34; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,140.88; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 193.82; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,819.13/employee share retirement, 1,879.41; B & C Steel, supplies, 1,043.73; Bauerkempers, repairs, 108.02; Beguin Propane, propane, 1,747.73; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,637.16; Will Buckley,

supplies, 181.84; Centurylink, internet, 83.89; Contractors Materials, supplies, 152.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 25.63; Herren's, repairs, 1,395.99; Holiday Inn Express, room, 374.85; Legacy Cooperative, repairs, 1,194.50; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 713.98; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 314.29; Morrill Supply, supplies, 91.44; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., service, 97.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,054.33; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 3,234.15; NEA, electricity, 270.77; James Phipps, fuel, supplies, 21.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires & repairs, 5,304.17; Powerplan, repairs, 3,006.09; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,559.74; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,391.21 /employee share social security, 2,391.21/county share medicare, 559.24/employee share medicare, 559.24/withholding, 2,139.24; Sioux County Clerk, plat maps, 53.50; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 651.77; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 544.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 110.25; Village of Morrill, 145.25; WCPI, drug testing, 68.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,697.30; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 114.57/employee share retirement, 76.38; Books-A-Million, books, 629.76; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.84; Demco, Inc., books, 125.10; Mid-America Books, books, 120.76; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 84.56; NEA, electricity, 399.19; NT & T, phone, 77.35; Roomdad Productions, Inc., summer library program, 425.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 105.23/employee share social security 105.23/county share medicare, 24.61/employee share medicare 24.61/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 66.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,710.95; 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, 83.89; Herren's, supplies, 50.96; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.03; Nick Sanderson, antivirus, 152.96; 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.

The new Superintendent of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Jay Sturdevant, was present to introduce himself to the Board and update them on the Monument. He is in the process of getting funding to improve the paved road at the Monument.

JoElla Norman, Deputy Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board.

Nick Sanderson, Weed Superintendent reported on department activities.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board and updated them on recent activities. He reported he is looking into purchasing a 2025 pickup and would like to surplus two vehicles to the Road Department.

Melissa Mracek, Extension Educator reported on Extension Office activities and presented financial reports. She reported that due to lack of staff retention they are considering restructuring staffing in all four counties.

Gale Henry entered the meeting and asked for an update and help on Predator Control.

County Attorney Edmund was present to advise the board.

Decommissioning for the Sioux County Wind Farm, LLC proposal, was discussed. Motion by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the Decommissioning proposal. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Fall River County, South Dakota regarding a Forest Service Management Plan Resolution was discussed. Further action was tabled until the next meeting.

The proposed NIETC transmission corridors was discussed. The Board will be mindful of future progress but took no further action.

No action was taken on the VSO interlock agreement with Dawes County.

The Weed Superintendent position was not discussed, and no action was taken.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Assistant Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on department activities. Improvements have been made to the North Shop bathroom. The quotes for the repairs on the Weed Shop were discussed. The presented Right of Way Occupation Permit was discussed. Motion by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the Right of Way Occupation Permit. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

The surplus of the 2014 Dodge pickup was discussed. Motion by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the surplus of the 2014 Dodge pickup. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

The Team Connect Time Keeping System was discussed. No action was taken.

The Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan scheduled for 1:15 p.m. on this day was postponed due to the lack of a quorum. The hearing will be rescheduled and advertised.

There being no further business to come before the Board Geiser moved Downer seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2025.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/JoElla K. Norman
Sioux County Deputy Clerk

