

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 1, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Josh Skavdahl and Hal Downer. 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 March 3, 2025 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Downer yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 51,469.88; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,199.31/employee share, 2,220.61; AT&T, phone system, 102.85; Beef State Agency, insurance, 41,569.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,894.20; Bytes, IT services, 9,197.80; Centurylink, phone, 321.47; Crawford Clipper, publications, 481.89; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 324.20; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 1,887.98; Dooley Oil, fuel, 68.13; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 560.69; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 4,801.42; AT & T Mobility, phones, 518.90; Lacy Klein, mileage, 140.00; Andrew Lawson, fuel, 50.31; Lotton's, fuel, 83.40; Centurylink, phone, 799.52; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, mileage, 65.56; Mediation West, court costs, 50.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,154.67; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, registration, 50.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, workshop, 175.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,237.01; NE State Patrol, licenses, 404.50; NEA, electricity, 2,108.75; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 234.91; Quadient Leasing, meter lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 416.30; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,907.24/employee share social security, 2,907.24/county share medicare 679.94/employee share medicare 679.94/ withholding, 2,647.51; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.51/ad, 55.00/postage, 19.36; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 14,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 100,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 31.50; UNL Extension, mileage, 37.81; Village of Harrison, utilities, 385.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 56.39; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 613.20.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 43,267.81; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,140.88; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 193.82; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,789.26/employee share retirement, 1,859.50; Beef State Agency, insurance, 72,286.00; Beguin Propane, propane, 797.30; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,637.16; Will Buckley, supplies, 95.98; Centurylink, internet, 85.79; Crawford Clipper, ad, 41.62; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,187.87; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 171.42; Herren's, repairs, 541.03; Hillbilly Industries, LLC, repair, 50.00; Inland Truck Parts, repairs,

1,469.02; Legacy Cooperative, repairs, 703.38; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 1,191.23; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Masek, repairs, 66.21; Modern Farm Equipment, repairs, tractor lease, 6,384.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 118.20; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 331.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,090.22; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 31.85; NEA, electricity, 282.01; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repair, 255.00; James Phipps, mileage, supplies, 1,000.09; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,874.61; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,363.78 /employee share social security, 2,363.78/county share medicare, 552.82/employee share medicare, 552.82/withholding, 2,171.77; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 109.77; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 675.27; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.25; Village of Morrill, 109.34; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 55.78.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, recording paper, 646.75; MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,836.17; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 123.94/employee share retirement, 82.63; Beef State Agency, insurance, 2,669.00; Books-A-Million, books, 43.43; Herren Brothers, supplies, 97.21; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; Mid-America Books, books, 149.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.51; NEA, electricity, 320.61; NT & T, phone, 77.35; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 290.10; Security First Bank, county share social security, 113.84/employee share social security 113.84/county share medicare, 26.62/employee share medicare 26.62/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 68.25; 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; Beef State Agency, insurance, 6,935.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 85.79; Herren's, supplies, 27.97; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.03; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 220.37; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 197.40; 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.

Nick Sanderson, Weed Superintendent advised the board that he is resigning his position with Sioux County effective April 18, 2025. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Sanderson's resignation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding adding weed spraying duties to the road department. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to advertise for an employee in the weed/road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer, submitted financial reports and information regarding the tax sale to the Board.

Ashley Ahrens submitted the Extension Office Annual Report to the board. Ashley also reported on current trainings offered by the extension office.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board and updated them on recent activities. McCumbers submitted a vehicle plan for the next several years to update vehicles in his department, since he has the ability to budget those items. McCumbers had a quote for a new Dodge Ram 2500, needing a couple of those for budget year 2025-2026. In 2026-2027 two more will be ordered. McCumbers would then plan to buy one new pickup for 2027-2028. The replaced vehicles would be rotated to the road department. The cut-off to order for this year is April 30, and he has to have at least one. No action taken.

County Attorney Edmund was present to advise the board. The Janitorial/groundskeeper position was discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to advertise for the position. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lance Russell, discussed and presented a Forest Service Management Plan, regarding prairie dog populations on Oglala National Grasslands and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands with the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2025-1. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution can be viewed in the Sioux County Clerk's office.

The board discussed hiring Reno Air Service, LLC, Shay Curuchet for aerial predator control services. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the service. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Kerri Rempp reported that two positions on the Sioux County Travel Board are up for appointment. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to reappoint Jean Norman and Syd Meidell to the board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also discussed the tourism grants that the Sioux County Travel Board has approved and submitted to the commissioners for approval. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the application from Sioux County Fair for \$1,000. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. A grant application was received from White River Wacipi. Rempp stated that it does promote the area, but not necessarily Sioux County. The application had not been approved by the travel board as of this date. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to deny the application. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Lodging tax was discussed. Jean Norman urged the board to talk to outfitters and any other businesses who are not contributing to lodging tax. Those businesses would charge their customers the tax, adding money to the funds to help promote tourism. Rempp requested additional funding for added flexibility.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. John and Jory Geiser and Dan Jordan attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps, and Eric McCoy presented a summary of projects, and items were discussed. Comments were heard from John and Jory Geiser about locations of gravel crushing, screening gravel, rather than crushing, and use of Jory Geiser's road drag on roads. Geiser requested that the county rent him, his tractor and drag to work on 33 Road. Liability

insurance issues were discussed. Dan Jordan stated that the top of Hat Creek Road is very narrow. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to close the public hearing, and open back into regular session.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Assistant Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on department activities. Phipps will be advertising for new office help. The weed shop repairs will be underway soon.

There being no further business to come before the Board Geiser moved Downer seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2025.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk