

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

May 1, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 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 April 1, 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, 52,313.72; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ashley Ahrens, mileage, 144.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,238.51/employee share, 2,248.71; AT&T, phone system, 102.85; Cassie Barrera, postage, 146.00; Beef State Agency, insurance, 2,569.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,894.20; Bytes, IT services, 4,697.28; Centurylink, phone, 320.89; Crawford Clipper, publications, 158.78; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 41.25; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 2,515.31; Dooley Oil, fuel, 37.06; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 207.75; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,655.73; AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.84; Lacy Klein, mileage, 98.00; Lotton's, fuel, 48.64; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, mileage, 114.40; Mediation West, court costs, 50.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; NACO, registration, 325.00; NE Dept. of Labor, late fee, 191.39; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,240.91; NKC Tire, tires, 359.87; NEA, electricity, 1,365.42; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 620.62; Radar Shop, supplies, 384.00; Reno Air Service, predator control, 21,675.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, jail, 270.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,959.54/employee share social security, 2,959.54/county share medicare 692.17/employee share medicare 692.17/ withholding, 2,674.36; Sioux Co. Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; Sioux County Court, court costs, 85.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.57; Thompson Glass, Inc., screen repairs, 1,372.25; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 25,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 100.11; Village of Harrison, utilities, 385.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 123.09; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 137.20.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 44,999.69; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,140.88; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 181.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,906.84/employee share retirement, 1,937.88; Beguin Propane, propane, 646.10; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,417.40; Will Buckley, electric, 23.98; Centurylink, internet, 85.35; Crawford Clipper,

ad, 31.60; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,000.00; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 198.22; Frank Parts, parts, 385.25; Herren's, repairs, 324.74; Horse Creek Tire, Inc., supplies, 33.49; Inland Truck Parts, repairs, 151.76; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 170.00; Larry McCaslin Consulting, bridge inspection 1,800.00; Legacy Cooperative, repairs, 367.07; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 740.70; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; Manley Welding, repairs, 2,420.80; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Morrill Hardware, repair, 99.15; Morrill Supply, supplies, 75.76; NACO, registration, 25.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,170.72; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 197.55; NEA, electricity, 109.43; James Phipps, room, supplies, 154.19; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires, 1,800.00; Powerplan, repairs, 1,448.23; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,016.68; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,487.04 /employee share social security, 2,487.04/county share medicare, 581.65/employee share medicare, 581.65/withholding, 2,357.73; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 124.92; Steve's Truck & Equipment, repairs, 30.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 532.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 106.25; Village of Morrill, 103.86.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,820.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 122.90/employee share retirement, 81.93; Books-A-Million, books, 519.07; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.84; Demco, supplies, 218.09; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.18; NEA, electricity, 182.72; NT & T, phone, 80.46; Security First Bank, county share social security, 112.89/employee share social security 112.89/county share medicare, 26.40/employee share medicare 26.40/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 66.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 6,282.08; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 424.04/employee share retirement, 282.69; Centurylink, internet, 85.36; Lotton's, fuel, 90.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 188.26; Security First Bank, county share social security, 389.49/employee share social security, 389.49/county share medicare, 91.09/employee share, medicare, 91.09/ withholding, 412.88.

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

Board Chairman Skavdahl read the May Mental Health Month Proclamation. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign the proclamation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement with Dawes County for predator control services was discussed. The board is pleased with the agreement.

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

Austin Paxson, Project Manager with Nextera Energy and David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP met with the board to discuss solar projects. A solar project could be co-located with the wind project, using some of the same infrastructure. The board advised that a solar regulation draft has just been received and will be

reviewed. The last round of environmental and geological studies will be coming in the next couple of months for the wind project.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board. McCumbers hasn't changed anything on a vehicle plan for the next several years to update vehicles in his department. No action taken.

Applications for janitor/groundskeeper were reviewed, interviews will be scheduled with the applicants.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Assistant Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on department activities. Phipps advised that the weed superintendent applications are due May 16.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept applications for the road department positions. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

An application submitted by Roosevelt Public Power District for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way was reviewed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the application. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Bill Baldwin met with the board to discuss S-C Road. There has been a lot of manure trucks on the road lately, and it is dangerous. Options on how to repair the road were discussed.

Wages for road/weed employees were discussed. No action taken.

Dan Skavdahl reviewed the draft solar regulations with the board. The planning commission and board are to review the draft and advise Dan of any issues discovered.

There being no further business to come before the Board Geiser moved Downer seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet June 2, 2025.

/s/Josh Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk