

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 2, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 2, 2025 at 9:50 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. 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 May 1 and 19, 2025 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer 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, 52,461.59; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,253.56/employee share, 2,260.99; AT&T, phone system, 102.99; Beef State Agency, insurance, 60.00; Donald Brush, survey, 6,900.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,894.20; Bytes, IT services, 4,775.22; Centurylink, phone, 324.25; Courtyard Lincoln, room, 486.80; Crawford Clipper, publications, 234.02; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 77.08; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 2,744.50; Dooley Oil, fuel, 28.82; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 5,513.30 AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.84; gWorks, contract, 9,204.00; Harrison House Hotel, rolls-sheriff, 106.42; Holiday Inn Express, rooms, 220.00; Johnson Air, LLC, predator control, 4,786.98; Lacy Klein, mileage, 98.00; Lotton's, fuel, 62.65; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, mileage, 530.78; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; NACO, registrations, 445.00; National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, dues, 300.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,259.11; NEA, electricity, 1,121.06; Shawn Noon, supplies, 62.68; Reno Air Service, predator control, 12,775.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 650.58; Dan Skavdahl, hotel, mileage, 926.31; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,968.73/employee share social security, 2,968.73/county share medicare 694.30/employee share medicare 694.30/ withholding, 2,697.54; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.57/copies, 198.50, dues, 1,650.00; Scottsbluff Star Herald, subscriptions, 399.99; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 100.29; Village of Harrison, utilities, 513.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage/ water filter, 348.53.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,479.53; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 181.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,634.01/employee share retirement, 1,756.01; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,417.40; Centurylink, internet, 86.84; Contractors Materials, parts, 354.00; Crawford Clipper, ads, 226.38; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,133.69; Equipment Blades, Inc., supplies, 3,580.60; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 1,313.29;

Herren's, repairs, 41.76; Legacy Cooperative, repairs, 500.58; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 787.69; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 45.90; Morrill Supply, supplies, 108.32; Nebraska Machinery, parts, 3,507.22; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,013.80; NEA, electricity, 84.27; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, repair, 93.84; Panhandle Diesel & Twin City Auto, repair, 1,521.07; James Phipps, fuel, supplies, 104.42; Powerplan, repairs, 2,907.09; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,912.73; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,268.79 /employee share social security, 2,268.79/county share medicare, 530.61/employee share medicare, 530.61/withholding, 2,001.99; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 18.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 254.65; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 485.35; Village of Harrison, utilities, 106.25; Village of Morrill, 102.85.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,924.89; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 129.93/employee share retirement, 86.62; Books-A-Million, books, 253.11; Collaborative Summer Library Program, supplies, 386.73; Herren's, supplies, 75.96; Mid-America Books, books, 57.85; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.42; NEA, electricity, 167.41; NT & T, phone, 81.01; Security First Bank, county share social security, 119.34/employee share social security 119.34/county share medicare, 27.91/employee share medicare 27.91/withholding, 100.00; The Penworthy Company, Inc., supplies, 304.00; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 205.64; Village of Harrison, water, 104.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

INHERITANCE FUND: Leland Asa Estate, overpayment, 2,108.10.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: Centurylink, internet, 86.84; Crawford Clipper, ad, 209.60; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 93.84.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Jay Sturdevant, Superintendent of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument met with the board to personally invite them to the 60- year celebration of Agate Fossil Beds on Saturday June 7, 2025. Sturdevant advised the board of upcoming events at the Monument. River Road is not in great shape, and Sturdevant is working on trying to get it fixed.

Kerri Rempp, Director of Discover Northwest Nebraska met with the board regarding businesses in Sioux County that are not charging and remitting lodging tax to the state and county. Dawes County has requested Adam Edmund to write a letter to businesses in Dawes County requesting they collect those taxes. It was decided to wait to see the Dawes County results before taking the same action.

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

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

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to hire Matt Parker to mow the courthouse and library for \$175.00 per mowing. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board.

Ryan Powers and Tim Brewer met with the board concerning a contract for USDA Wildlife Services. Discussion was held on rejoining the USDA for predator control services. Powers discussed NE state statutes and funding options.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Assistant Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on department activities. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Eric McCoy Weed Superintendent, shifting those duties from Jim Phipps. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for a shop foreman/sign technician. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept Jim Phipps resignation, with regrets, effective June 30, 2025. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Gale Henry entered the meeting and inquired about predator control.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 1, 2025.

Notice: Recently posted minutes may be subject to final approval and correction by the Board of Equalization and Board of Commissioners.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk