

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 1, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2025 at 9:00 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. Michelle Zimmerman 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 June 2 and 16, 2025 meetings. 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, 51,992.43; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,233.08/employee share, 2,244.51; AT&T, phone system, 102.99; Beef State Agency, insurance, 133.95; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,284.00; Bytes, IT services, 4,727.91; Centurylink, phone, 327.90; Comfort Inn, room, 404.85; Crawford Clipper, publications, 301.84; Crites, & Shaffer Law Office, court costs, 140.00; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 579.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension, mileage, 80.20; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 4,592.18; Downer, Hal, mileage, 812.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 172.09; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 5,265.30; AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.84; Harrison House Hotel, rolls, sheriff, 69.95; Herren's, supplies, 68.04; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 94.77; Juhlin Plumbing, building repair, 150.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 688.80; Lotton's, fuel, 138.45; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, mailing, 4,616.86; NACO, dues, 1,453.92; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,229.69; NE Total Office, supplies, 209.60; NEA, electricity, 721.46; Panhandle District County Officials, dues, 350.00; Matthew Parker, lawn mowing, 525.00; Platte Valley Bank, sheriff vehicle payment, 9,372.62; Quadient Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 641.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,934.81/employee share social security, 2,934.81/county share medicare 686.35/employee share medicare 686.35/withholding, 2,649.70; Sioux County Historical Society, museum grant, 2,000.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.57; Transfer to Road Fund, 70,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 28.90; US Treasury, fee, 65.93; UNL Extension, Box Butte County, mileage, 75.95; Village of Harrison, utilities, 597.20; Village of Harrison, swimming pool contribution, 1,000.00; Windbreak Cable internet, 46.82; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage 528.50.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 45,781.11; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 196.34; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,794.20/employee share retirement, 1,862.79; Beef State Agency, worker's comp, 514.65; Blue

Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,572.97; Centurylink, internet, 85.69; Dooley Oil, fuel, 197.13; Herren's, repairs, 38.97; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 32.57; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 1,190.00; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 22.50; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 3,648.47; Morrill Supply, supplies, 81.67; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 372.00; Nebraska Machinery, parts, 2,527.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,178.92; NEA, electricity, 102.26; James Phipps, room, 423.36; Powerplan, repairs, 1,277.34; Bobby Reece, physical reimbursement, 100.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,417.53; Sandhills State Bank, blade payment, 88,658.46; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,545.03 /employee share social security, 2,545.03/county share medicare, 595.21/employee share medicare, 595.21/withholding, 2,275.31; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 57.78; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 340.52; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.25; Village of Morrill, 98.36.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,897.89; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 128.11/employee share retirement, 85.41; Mid-America Books, books, 137.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 14.42; NEA, electricity, 103.92; NT & T, phone, 81.01; Security First Bank, county share social security, 117.67/employee share social security 117.67/county share medicare, 27.52/employee share medicare 27.52; Village of Harrison, water, 120.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: Beef State Agency, workers comp, 56.40; Centurylink, internet, 85.69; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Herren's, supplies, 17.87; Lotton's, service, 20.00; NE Weed Control Association, training, 150.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 300.96; Westco, supplies, 650.78.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Chris Lind, CEO and Cary Lind, Account Manager from Bytes presented a review of services that Bytes is offering to Sioux County.

Beth Ferrell, Legal Counsel for NACO updated the board on legislative issues concerning counties during her annual visit with the board.

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

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

Jill Balcom met with the board to give an update on museum activities. The museum is open seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day 10-4, Monday through Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4.

Spike Jordan provided an Interlocal Agreement with Dawes County for the Veterans Service Office. County Attorney Edmund will review the agreement. Jordan will be taking veterans to Yutan for dental treatment again this year. The local VFW post has made All-American again.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Michelle Zimmerman budget making authority for the 2025-2026 budget. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept Michelle Zimmerman's 3-year plan of assessment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Contryman Associates, P.C.'s contract for audit services as of June 30, 2025. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Protest hearing dates were set for July 21 and 22, 2025.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board, and gave an update on recent activities.

County Attorney Edmund entered the meeting. A Special Designated Liquor License for Hudson Chase, LLC to operate a beer garden at the Sioux County Fairgrounds from August 1 through August 3, 2025 was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the license. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Catastrophic Leave was discussed with Attorney Edmund. Deputy Clerk JoElla Norman explained that the issue is not clear in the employee handbook. The original sick-leave policy will be used, eliminating the language regarding catastrophic leave. A new sick leave policy will be adopted.

The board reviewed a contract from USDA for predator control services. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on department activities. McCoy advised the board that Crush-Tech is willing to do additional rock crushing for the same price. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to continue the rock crushing project to 75,000 yards over three budget cycles. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Larry McCaslin Consulting to provide Sioux County Routine Bridge Inspections for 2025. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A Shop Foreman/Equipment Technician job description was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for a shop foreman/Equipment Technician. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Additional compensation for Eric McCoy, who was appointed Weed Superintendent was discussed. No action taken.

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 August 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