

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

September 2, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room September 2, 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. 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 August 1 and 18, 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, 99,404.96; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 7,293.36/employee share, 5,243.95; AT&T, phone system, 103.73; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,432.69; Bytes, IT services, 4,714.05; Crawford Clipper, publications, 255.34; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 891.15; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 806.07; AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.80; Herren's supplies, 20.48; David Howell, mileage, 70.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 98.00; Madison National Life Ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 196.21; Midwest Connect, finance charge, 5.49; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,035.59; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 14.97; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 3,834.95; NEA, electricity, 529.24; Matthew Parker, lawn mowing, 525.00; Pete's Quick Lube, oil change, 81.29; Quill, supplies, 23.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 152.98; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 838.26; Santander Bank, Sheriff pickup payment, 8,393.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 5,884.94/employee share social security, 5,884.94/county share medicare 1,376.32/employee share medicare 1,376.32/ withholding, 11,321.03; Sioux County Court, court fees, 137.50; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 24.48/copies, 15.00/court records, 47.50; Stryker Sales, LLC, battery, 450.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 90,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, gas, 80.58; Village of Harrison, utilities, 557.50; Windbreak Cable internet, 122.72; Michelle Zimmerman, room, mileage, 1,275.27.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 45,063.45; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 208.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,700.31/employee share retirement, 1,800.20; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,753.46; Centurylink, internet, 83.60; Crawford Clipper, ads, 53.46; Crush-Tech, gravel crushing, 49,000.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,422.04; Herren's, repairs, 27.77; Hix Construction, remove overburden, 30,600.00; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 55.99; Inland Parts, parts, 675.31; Kaufman Glass, repair, 290.00; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 219.74; Lotton's, repairs, 4,105.71; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA

Global, insurance, 100.00; Modern Farm Equipment, repair, 485.76; Morrill Supply, supplies, 60.53; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,099.86; NEA, electricity, 85.45; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 54.48; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires, 1,774.79; Powerplan, repairs, 1,196.18; Quill Corporation, supplies, 123.98; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 7,527.50; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,509.93 /employee share social security, 2,509.93/county share medicare, 587.01/employee share medicare, 587.01/withholding, 2,295.37; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 145.29; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 500.95; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 96.08; Wilburn's Transmissions, Inc., repair, 617.96.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism, 1,527.62; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 125.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism, 1,527.62.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, ROD books, 1,213.17; MIPS, data processing, 392.43.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,882.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 127.07/employee share retirement, 84.71; Books-A-Million, books, 517.97; Crawford Clipper, subscription, 55.00; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 13.94; NEA, electricity, 90.32; NT & T, phone, 80.95; Quill Corporation, supplies, 341.68; Security First Bank, county share social security, 116.71/employee share social security 116.71/county share medicare, 27.30/employee share medicare 27.30; Village of Harrison, water, 144.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 954.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 64.45/ employee share retirement, 42.97; Centurylink, internet, 83.59; Herren's, supplies, 2.75; Lotton's, service, 137.84; Eric McCoy, travel expense, 83.63; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 26.79; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, room, 375.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 59.20 /employee share social security, 59.20/county share medicare, 13.84/employee share medicare, 13.84/withholding, 67.12; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 81.91; U-Save Mart, fuel, 208.14; Westco, supplies, 1,211.21.

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

Inventories for the various county offices were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the inventories as presented. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer, submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein discussed the front door, and issues with it sticking. The board will look into repairing or replacing the door.

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

Brock Ortner met with the board regarding extension office activities. Ortner is getting involved in as many areas as he can and welcomes input on needed services. Ashley Ahrends has gone on maternity leave, and Ortner will be filling in for her.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to schedule a Joint Public Hearing for September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2025-4, a resolution adopting the most recent and FEMA approved version of the Region 23 Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

David Keener met with the board to express concerns he has with the County moving the rock crushing pit to Jud Skavdahl's pit. Keener stated it's legal, but morally and ethically he questions the decision. Skavdahl stated that the board awarded the bid, not the pit locations, which were determined by the Road Superintendent, adding that we crush gravel across the county. County Attorney Edmund reiterated that the board only voted to award the crushing bid presented to them by the County Road Superintendent. After further discussion, the group agreed to communicate better in the future.

Superintendent Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on road and weed department activities. McCoy reported that he will continue working as Banner County Highway Superintendent until February.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet October 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