

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 1, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 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. Josh Skavdahl 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 September 2 and 26, 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, 53,278.90; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,387.89/employee share, 2,358.44; AT&T, phone system, 103.73; Kassie Barrera, mileage, 71.40; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,000.23; Bytes, IT services, 4,688.79; Centurylink, phone, 633.32; Connecting Point, copier, 4,900.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 616.38; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court fees, 110.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 42.29; Fairfield Inn & Suites, room, 544.80; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 1,018.57; AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.80; JW Geiser, mileage, 173.60; gWorks, GIS contract, 1,824.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 140.00; Madison National Life Ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursements, 179.49; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,280.59; Melissa Mracek, supplies, 267.47; NACO, workshops, Conference, 345.00; Garrette Naillon, travel reimbursement, 174.40; NE Secretary of State, workshop fee, 60.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,534.31; NEA, electricity, 499.85; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 364.13; Matthew Parker, lawn mowing, 350.00; Pete's Quick Lube, oil change, 79.70; Quadient Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 145.65; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, 25-26 dues, 5,865.00; Region 23 Emergency Management, FY 2026, 24,684.75; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 3,018.11/employee share social security, 3,018.11/county share medicare 705.85/employee share medicare 705.85/ withholding, 2,671.13; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 24.48; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 41.36; Transfer to Road Fund, 120,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, gas, 39.10; UNL Extension, Box Butte County, mileage, 268.51; Village of Harrison, utilities, 601.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 122.72; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 137.20.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 43,410.07; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 208.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,659.05/employee share retirement, 1,772.69; Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,782.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 21,116.76; Centurylink, internet, 83.74; Crush-Tech, gravel crushing, 49,500.00;

Dooley Oil, fuel, 574.87; Federal Surplus Property, pickup, 27,000.00; Frank Parts, parts, 71.86; Herren's, repairs, 339.13; Herren's, Crawford, parts, 30.80; JWG, Inc., repairs, 1,500.00; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, 804.69; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 100.74; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 1,533.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 994.66; NE Machinery, repairs, 19,149.22; NEA, electricity, 82.88; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires, 2,016.40; Powerplan, repairs, 1,334.24; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 12,335.70; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,365.73 /employee share social security, 2,365.73/county share medicare, 553.30/employee share medicare, 553.30/withholding, 1,973.23; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 10.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 865.08; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 177.26; Village of Harrison, utilities, 110.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 111.22; WPCI, drug testing, 28.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 460.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 460.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 392.43.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,905.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 128.63/employee share retirement, 85.75; Books-A-Million, books, 443.01; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 14.66; NEA, electricity, 82.94; NT & T, phone, 80.95; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 346.19; Security First Bank, county share social security, 118.15/employee share social security 118.15/county share medicare, 27.63/employee share medicare 27.63; Village of Harrison, water, 114.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

SIOUX COUNTY US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 267,426.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 955.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 64.49/ employee share retirement, 43.00; Centurylink, internet, 83.74; Crawford Clipper, ad, 144.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 26.64; Security First Bank, county share social security, 59.24 /employee share social security, 59.24/county share medicare, 13.86/employee share medicare, 13.86/withholding, 66.80; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 27.82; U-Save Mart, fuel, 350.72.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board. Motion was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the copy machine in the clerk's office, and advertise it for sale. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to send a letter to the NE Dept. of Revenue requesting a current listing of lodging tax permit holders for Sioux County. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to allow Improvement Fund proceeds for Visitor Promotion, if necessary. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Lieutenant Naillon submitted financial reports to the board and gave an update on recent activities. Naillon advised the board that the NE Attorney General Offices determined there was no wrongdoing in a dog incident involving Sheriff MCumbers. The Sioux County Sheriff's Office will be handing out Halloween bags again for Sioux County students.

HDR Engineering was present to review a draft Conditional Use Permit Application on behalf of the Cities of Scottsbluff and Gering. The Permit is for a proposed Subtitle D municipal solid waste landfill site in Sioux County. Attorney Edmund advised HDR Engineering that Sioux County is under a current moratorium on accepting any solid waste sites or facility applications and will likely continue that moratorium for an additional six months. No action taken.

Superintendent Eric McCoy met with the board and reported on road and weed department activities. The crushers are finished in the Staudenmaier and Douthit pits and are crushing in Jud Skavdahl's now. Surveys and drone measurements on the two completed pits were reviewed. McCoy will investigate which is accurate. A resolution approving the lease of a blade and mini-excavator will be added to the November 3 agenda. McCoy will be attending a meeting with panhandle superintendents regarding charging a fee for boring in the county Right-Of-Ways. McCoy would like to proceed with spraying Canada thistle and will bill the forest service for what has been sprayed.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign resolution 2025-5 extending the moratorium on solid waste disposal sites, beginning November 1 for six months. The Sioux County Zoning Board recommended approval of the extension. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on adding a Solar Energy Regulation and an amendment to the current Wind Energy Regulations to the Sioux County Zoning Regulations. Members of the public attended with questions about decommissioning, bonding, roads and grasses that will be used for reseeding. The Sioux County Zoning Board recommended the regulations be approved.

The public hearing was closed, and the board reconvened into regular session at 3:11 p.m.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Wind Energy Installation Regulation amendment. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Solar Energy Regulations. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A copy of the amended Wind Energy Installation Regulations and the Solar Energy Conversion Systems is available in the Sioux County Clerk's Office

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 3, 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