

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 3, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 3, 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. JW 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 October 1, 2025 meeting. 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, 54,270.63; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,396.69/employee share, 2,364.90; AT&T, phone system, 104.77; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,000.23; Donald Brush, juror mileage, 78.40; Jacqueline Buhr, juror mileage, 32.20; Bytes, IT services, 4,659.05; Mitzi Cawthra, juror mileage, 84.00; Centurylink, phone, 323.94; Comfort Inn, room, 354.95; Michael Comstock, juror mileage, 28.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 7.56; Wanda Cross, juror mileage, 22.40; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes County Extension Office, mileage, 38.47; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 42.86; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, et al, county court costs, 350.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 192.09; J. Adam Edmund, mileage, meals, 743.50; Sunny Edwards, juror mileage, 67.20; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,546.23; AT & T Mobility, phones, 494.80; Lynn Fowle, juror mileage, 21.00; Kathryn Griesse, juror mileage, 15.40; Neal S. Grote, juror mileage, 9.80; Kay Harwood, juror mileage, 65.80; Herren's, supplies, 15.29; Lori Hettinger, juror mileage, 70.00; Thomas Hill, juror mileage, 77.00; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 93.59; Larry Houk, juror mileage, 70.00; David Howell, planning commission mileage, 70.00; Forest Hughes, juror mileage, 63.00; Chad Johnson, juror mileage, 42.00; Steve Johnson, planning commission mileage, 70.00; Robert Allen Jordan, juror mileage, 70.00; Kristina Keener, juror mileage, 53.20; Lacy Klein, mileage, 98.00; Rebecca Kreman, juror mileage, 42.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 21.00; Madison National Life Ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursements, 470.66; Lauren Miller, juror mileage, 74.20; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 4,788.39; Kerry Morava, juror mileage, 39.20; Kelcie Mowrey, juror mileage, 36.40; NACO registrations, 90.00; Garrette Naillon, reimbursements, 546.29; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,566.29; Nebraska Total Office, supplies, 210.46; NEA, electricity, 457.03; JoElla Norman, class fee, mileage, 248.20; Kathleen Nunn, juror mileage, 19.60; Matthew Parker, lawn mowing, 175.00; Douglas Peters, juror mileage, 67.20; Joseph Pieper, juror mileage, 75.60; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 824.36; Robert Brenner Law Office, court costs, 2,070.00; Tameron Sayaloune, juror mileage, 61.60; Gary Scott, juror mileage, 91.00; 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; Sharon Semroska, juror mileage, 22.40; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33;

Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.60/lodging, 506.79/ postage, 11.00/ attorney fees, 6.13; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 100,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Mary Ann Ulik, juror mileage, 65.80; USDA, APHIS Wildlife Services, predator control contract, 1,052.33; Village of Harrison, utilities, 555.20; Steven Wadhams, juror mileage, 72.80; Steve Westover, juror mileage, 32.20; Donna Sue Willey, juror mileage, 8.40; Windbreak Cable internet, 113.15; Ashley Woodrum, juror mileage, 32.20; Matthew Yant, juror mileage, 47.60; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 1,194.20/juror meals, 99.34

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 44,187.39; Accustar Surveying, survey, 2,500.00; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 208.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,804.42/employee share retirement, 1,869.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 21,116.76; Donald Allen Brush, survey, 1,325.00; Centurylink, internet, 84.70; Dooley Oil, fuel, 3,589.78; Lonnie Douthit, gravel, 8,740.00; Herren's, repairs, 123.04; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Eric McCoy, reimbursement, 160.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 261.04; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,047.97; NE Machinery, repairs, parts, 71,335.35; NEA, electricity, 87.70; Powerplan, repairs, 37.02; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 9,598.56; 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; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 987.32; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repairs, 471.08; Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 20,078.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 231.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 106.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 97.23; WPCI, drug testing, 393.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,921.04; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 129.67/employee share retirement, 86.45; Books-A-Million, books, 528.57; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 15.13; NEA, electricity, 75.55; NT & T, phone, 83.97; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 97.08; 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, 104.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 875.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 59.12/ employee share retirement, 39.42; Centurylink, internet, 84.71; Herren Brothers, supplies, 99.90; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 25.03; 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; U-Save Mart, fuel, 313.87

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Draft Financial Statement, pending correspondence from Simmons Olsen Law Firm regarding pending litigation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

LeAnne Skavdahl submitted financial reports to the board from the Sheriff's office and gave an update on recent activities.

Road Superintendent Eric McCoy met with the board and requested approval of back-pay in the amount of \$2,309.00 for July, 2025. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the back pay. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent McCoy submitted a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for lease/purchase of a 2025 Caterpillar 140-15AWD Motor Grader. Payments will be \$55,215.30 per year for years one through five, with a balloon payment in year six of \$156,500.00. The machine can be purchased or turned back prior to the balloon payment. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the lease/purchase. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent McCoy submitted a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for lease/purchase of a 2025 Caterpillar 308-07CR Hydraulic Excavator. Payments will be \$31,403.25 for years one through three, with a balloon payment in year four of \$63,990.00. The machine can be purchased or turned back prior to the balloon payment. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the lease/purchase. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve installation of an auto gate on Henry Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve "Lease for purchase and removal of gravel" from Chase Staudenmaier and Lonnie D. Douthit. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve "Lease for purchase and removal of gravel" from Judson Skavdahl. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Skavdahl abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on several different methods of measuring gravel pits for payment to the landowners. Sioux County surveyor Don Brush, Road Superintendent McCoy and a board member will visit each site to determine the best measurement method.

Board Chairman Skavdahl advised Road Superintendent McCoy that all road employees who take pickups home will be required to document their usage and report it to the Clerk's office, to be taxed as a fringe benefit.

Harrison Village Clerk Dennelle Fischer met with the board on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees. The village is looking at T600 traffic signs, and is requesting Sioux County's help to pay for them. The issue will be further discussed at December's meeting.

Emiel Raben met with the board regarding an old piece of equipment that he is interested in purchasing. Road Superintendent McCoy will check to see if it is still at the county shop. Raben also discussed Orella and Raben Roads.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 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