

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 1, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 1, 2025 at 10:00 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. Hal Downer 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 November 3, 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, 52,669.56; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 176.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,282.56/employee share, 2,279.51; AT&T, phone system, 104.77; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,000.23; Bytes, IT services, 4,659.05; Centurylink, phone, 322.48 ; Contryman Associates, P.C., audit, 13,500.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 217.95; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, county court expense, 660.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Et Al, county court fees, 410.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 85.91; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,267.58; AT & T Mobility, phones, 498.88; Government Forms & Supplies, recording book, 595.00; Herren's, supplies, 8.25; Lacy Klein, mileage, 127.64; Madison National Life Ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursements, 286.94; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,035.59; My Shop Angel, supplies, 471.27; NACO dues, 1,453.92; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,507.78; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, dues, 235.00; NEA, electricity, 808.37; Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc., postage meter, 840.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 239.59; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 772.45; Scottsbluff County Treasurer, probation expense, 965.05; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,980.31/employee share social security, 2,980.31/county share medicare 697.01/employee share medicare 697.01/ withholding, 2,671.13; Sioux County Court, court costs, 102.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 25.62/ postage, 11.90; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 70,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 36.10; Village of Harrison, utilities, 387.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 43.63; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 196.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 46,817.11; Accustar Surveying, survey, 4,500.00; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,103.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 208.58; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,981.92/employee share retirement, 1,987.95; Bauerkempers, Inc., repair, 65.88; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 21,116.76; Donald Allen Brush, survey, 4,909.12; Centurylink, internet, 83.85; Dooley Oil, fuel, 7,399.19; Herren's, repairs, 357.75; Inland Truck Parts and Service, repairs, 687.64; Ben Janssen, gravel, 10,489.00; Lotton's Service and Repair, repairs, 159.00; Madison

National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 100.00; Modern Farm Equipment, tractor rental, 8,380.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 35.26; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,165.78; NE Machinery, repairs, parts, 5,797.96; NEA, electricity, 92.94; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, supplies, 691.79; Powerplan, repairs, 404.59; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 11,684.73; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,576.97 /employee share social security, 2,576.97/county share medicare, 602.69/employee share medicare, 602.69/withholding, 2,632.40; Judson Skavdahl, gravel, 10,453.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 218.96; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 506.52; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 103.57.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,697.30; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 114.57/employee share retirement, 76.38; Books-A-Million, books, 342.24; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.16; Mid America Books, books, 148.20; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 8.40; NEA, electricity, 119.12; NT & T, phone, 83.97; The Penworthy Company, supplies, 359.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 105.23/employee share social security 105.23/county share medicare, 24.61/employee share medicare 24.61; Village of Harrison, water, 66.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 100,000.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 872.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 58.88/ employee share retirement, 39.26; Centurylink, internet, 83.86; Crawford Clipper, Ad. 140.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 30.05; Security First Bank, county share social security, 54.09 /employee share social security, 54.09/county share medicare, 12.65/employee share medicare, 12.65/withholding, 94.15; Westco, supplies, 56.17.

No one from the public was present to speak.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP, and Austin Paxson and Devon Pishalski, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC met with the board with updates on the solar project that is being planned. The majority of the project will be in the footprint of the wind farm. The process of extending the approved conditional use permit until 2027 was discussed.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the 2025 audit. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to surplus a Canon C2225 copier, a Fujitsu 7160 scanner and bar code reader and advertise them for sale. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted a fee summary to the board. McCumbers stated that the office has fully approved accreditation.

Brock Ortner, Livestock Systems Educator for Nebraska Extension met with the board to update them on upcoming events. Ortner asked the board to give him feedback regarding what kinds of issues and concerns he could bring to the state beef team meeting.

Jim Fox met with the board to discuss animal damage control. Commissioner Skavdahl stated there is a meeting in Chadron regarding hiring someone. Options for contracting with someone to hunt were discussed. Fox also asked about the status of Toadstool Road. Road Superintendent McCoy replied that they are ready to start on it in the next couple of weeks.

Harrison Village Clerk Dennelle Fischer met with the board on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, to request splitting the cost of three T600 traffic signs. The total cost for three signs is \$8,999.32, with half being \$4,499.66. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the expenditure. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

An interlocal agreement with Dawes County to provide services to veterans in both Dawes and Sioux Counties was reviewed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser, to enter into the agreement with a cost of \$885 per month. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent McCoy met with the board. Discussion was held on reporting personal use of county vehicles as a fringe benefit. All employees who take a county pickup home will be required to report each occurrence and be taxed according to federal law. The reports will coincide with time sheets. The personal use of county vehicles has been discussed in the past, and it is not good practice. McCoy stated that the employees have been taking them home all year. Overtime for two employees was discussed. McCoy stated that they worked in the pit, helping the crusher. All employees were offered the overtime, with just two working it.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign contracts with Ben Janssen and Joann Schneider for crushing gravel. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign Resolution 2025-6, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet January 2, 2026.

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

