

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 1, 2026

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 1, 2026 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 May 1, 2026 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 following claims were submitted and approved for payment:

Abby Edmund, elections	41.25
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE, retirement	3,421.11
AT&T, phone	104.23
AT&T MOBILITY, phone	501.08
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, insurance	14,218.91
Botach Inc., supplies	429.88
BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, IT	4,652.19
CENTURYLINK, phone	325.31
CHAD MCCUMBERS, supplies	759.53
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN, legals	593.12
CYNTHIA KAAAN, elections	202.50
DANIEL H. SKAVDAHL, travel	1,081.99
DEBBY PETERSEN, elections	202.50
DONALD ALLEN BRUSH, survey	1,835.00
DOOLEY OIL, INC., fuel	47.97
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, supply	21.72
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, elections	1,495.19
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC, HRA, claims	3,270.45
GWORKS, contract	11,028.00
IRENE RICHEY, yrs of service	19.00
JAMES H. HENDERSON, elections	208.05
JAMES R. MOORE, elections	315.13
JW GEISER, travel	2,542.20
LACY KLEIN, travel	101.50
LAUREL GINKENS, elections	202.50

LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR, fuel	48.10
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC, life ins.	10.87
MATTHEW PARKER, mowing	350.00
MICHELLE J. ZIMMERMAN, travel/supplies	349.40
MIPS INC., support	2,587.04
NACO, registration	125.00
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, utilities	1,041.14
OUTLAW PRINTERS, supplies	436.10
PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, INC, mineral assessment	300.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC, postage	500.00
QUILL CORPORATION, supplies	1,624.41
RUTH HAMAKER, elections	202.50
SARAH BANNAN, supplies	40.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK, payroll tax	3,762.83
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND & STECHER, costs	375.06
TGS MANUFACTURING, supplies	701.00
TRANSFER TO ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	20,000.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE, subscription	120.00
U-SAVE MART, fuel	91.59
VILLAGE OF HARRISON, water	537.20
Watson Construction Company, repair	755.25
WINDBREAK CABLE, internet	46.88
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, retirement	2,652.10
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, insurance	16,572.84
CENTURYLINK, phone	83.72
DOOLEY OIL, INC., fuel	4,790.46
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE, parts	291.68
LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR, repair	182.95
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC, life ins.	5.20
Menards – Scottsbluff, supplies	966.66
MORRILL HARDWARE, parts	1.93
MORRILL SUPPLY, supplies	23.01
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO., parts	1,849.38
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, electricity	94.33
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER, fuel	9,796.89
POMP'S TIRE & RETREADING, INC, repairs	4,464.76
POWERPLAN, repairs	1,446.70

PYE-BARKER FIRE SAFETY, assessemnt	165.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK, payroll taxes	2,812.08
SKEETER'S NAPA, parts	210.16
T.D.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, trash	35.00
U-SAVE MART, fuel	358.70
VILLAGE OF HARRISON, water	106.25
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, retirement	125.49
BOOKS-A-MILLION, books	367.03
Brian Pichman, contract	250.00
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN, ad	8.16
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE, supplies	53.97
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, electric	161.62
NT&T, phone	86.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK, payroll taxes	142.23
VILLAGE OF HARRISON, water	94.25
WINDBREAK CABLE, internet	59.95
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, retirement	60.65
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, insurance	320.56
CENTURYLINK, phone	83.72
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN, ad	140.00
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE, repair	5.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK, payroll taxes	59.66
AFLAC, insurance	1,566.46
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, retirement	4,274.56
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, insurance	7,778.08
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC, life insurance	128.40
MASA GLOBAL, flight ins.	225.00
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, payroll taxes	2,464.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK, payroll taxes	11,404.36
SIOUX COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST FUND, employee contribution	200.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC), eye ins.	327.65

Sue Teal, Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority gave an update on current and projected services offered.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2026-3. The resolution is to transfer funds from the

General Fund to the Preservation and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$290.97. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign a Disaster Declaration regarding a timber fire on May 31, 2026. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Protest hearing dates were set for July 22 and 23, 2026.

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

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report. The USDA Forest Service Grant has been approved.

Dennelle Fischer met with the board to advise them of a leak in the courthouse after a faucet was broken. Ty Watson came and fixed it.

Ryan Powers and Tim Brewer met with the board and discussed the USDA annual work financial plan for the contracted wildlife damage management program for the coming year. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the plan as discussed and submitted.

An Interlocal Agreement regarding a needs assessment for a regional juvenile detention facility with other panhandle counties was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve and sign the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2026-4, a resolution to extend the moratorium regarding potential changes to zoning regulations pertaining to solid waste sites or facilities. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The resolution will extend the original resolution for another six-month period as the county continues to work on reviewing and considering zoning changes to accept any solid waste disposal site or facility applications.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to explore placing a moratorium on data centers. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to ratify the approval of a Special Designated License for Racks Sports Bar, LLC to sell liquor at an event on May 9, 2026. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Road Superintendent Eric McCoy regarding his employment with Banner County. McCoy advised that he will continue doing both jobs for now.

Lease options for a skid steer were presented by Superintendent McCoy. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the bids today. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The road department will try the machines out and revisit the rentals at next month's meeting.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Morris Hochstedler, DBA Platte Valley Construction's application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on Moore Road to construct a water line. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Hereford Farms, LLC's application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on S-F Road to bury an 8" irrigation line across the road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent McCoy discussed the asset management program iWorqs. McCoy would like to purchase the program for \$7,000 per year. A demonstration on the program will be held during budget discussions.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Weathercraft Co. proposal for repairs on the weed shop. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Job descriptions for road employees was discussed.

At 11:57 a.m. a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel issue was made by Downer, seconded by Geiser. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 12:04 p.m. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Road Superintendent McCoy presented a summary of projects, and items were discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to close the public hearing, and open back into regular session.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 1, 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

