

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

May 1, 2026

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 1, 2026 at 9:35 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. Pastor Matt Parker 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 April 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 Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 47,283.39; Amber Skavdahl, supplies, 39.99; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,458.05; AT&T, phone system, 104.23; Firstnet , phone, 401.16; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 15,200.19; Bytes, IT services, 4,652.19; Centurylink, phone, 324.71; Chad McCumbers, supplies, meal, 185.63; Crawford Clipper, ads, 102.68; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court costs, 70.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 582.00; Dawes Co Extension, hotel, 81.75; Dennelle Fischer, supplies, 13.98; Dooley Oil, Inc. fuel, 183.90; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 415.96; Election Systems & Software, election supplies, 3,192.07; First Concord Benefits Group, reimbursements, 1,238.49; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 11.95; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; JoElla Norman, mileage, room, 738.30; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 107.40; Madison National Life Ins., insurance, 10.87; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,587.04; NEA, electricity, 1,118.23; River A Holdings, Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 1,061.71 Quadiant Finance, USA, postage 500.00; Reno Air Service, LLC, predator control, 12,950.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 3,081.03/employee share social security, 3,081.03/county share medicare 720.56/employee share medicare 720.56/ withholding, 2,579.65; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 24.81/supplies, 55.91; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 25,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 40.00; UNL Extension, Box Butte County, mileage, 40.35; USDA, APHIS, wildlife services, predator control, 5,333.54; Village of Harrison, utilities, 457.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 173.04.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 36,692.49; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,718.73; Beguin Propane, propane, 634.74; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,893.40; Centurylink, internet, 84.23; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,203.91; Floyd's Truck Center, repair, 1,832.50; Herren's, repairs, 341.96; Kaufman Glass, repair, 400.02; Legacy Cooperative, repair, 454.95; Logoz, LLC, uniform, 63.00; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 5.20; Morrill Supply, supplies, 12.91; NE Machinery, repairs, 5,034.50; NEA, electricity, 92.19; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 14,968.44; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,389.82/employee share social security, 2,389.82/county share medicare, 558.90/employee share medicare, 558.90/withholding, 1,974.41; Skeeter's Napa, repairs, 376.55; TDS, trash, 35.00; U-Save

Mart, fuel, 309.85; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 105.45; WPCI, drug testing, 284.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,954.47; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 116.37; Bloomers, plant, 35.95; Books-A-Million, books, 215.91; NEA, electricity, 173.72; NT & T, phone, 86.37; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 690.11; Security First Bank, county share social security, 106.89/employee share social security 106.89/county share medicare, 25.00/employee share medicare 25.00; Village of Harrison, water, 108.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 898.54; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 60.65; Centurylink, internet, 84.23; Heritage Seed, supplies, 726.25; Holiday Inn, room, 419.85; Lotton's Service & Repair, repair, 35.00.

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS: AFLAC, 1,566.46; Ameritas, retirement, 4,341.07; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 8,23.40; Madison National Life Ins., life insurance, 128.40; MASA Global, Med transport, 225.00; NE Dept of Revenue, state tax, 2,470.61; Sioux County Insurance Trust, cafeteria plan, 200.00; Vision Service Plan, 327.65.

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

Board Chairman Skavdahl read the May Mental Health Month Proclamation. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign the proclamation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer, submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein also reported on the taxes collected to date.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report and advised the board that he has hired a new part-time guy.

Matt Parker met with the board to let them know he is still willing to do lawn care. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed an estimate from Iron Finger, LLC/Nick Kesselring for tree pruning at the courthouse. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the estimate pending proof of liability insurance. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Brock Ortner, Livestock Systems Educator, Nebraska Extension met with the board and discussed some upcoming issues and events.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve and sign an agreement with State of NE, Dept. of Transportation for county road realignment on Highway 29. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve, with gratitude, the donation of comp and vacation hours from Eric McCoy to Brad Thayer. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Road Superintendent Eric McCoy regarding his probationary period with Banner County. McCoy stated that he has obtained his Class A license, and would like to stay on with Banner County for a while. Further discussion will be held at the June board meeting.

Superintendent McCoy stated that he is having a couple of guys blading and getting some overtime while there is moisture in the ground.

The board discussed a rental agreement submitted by Eric McCoy with Murphy Tractor for the lease of a John Deere skid steer for the road department. McCoy will do further research and bring proposals to the June meeting.

Superintendent McCoy discussed the East Hat Creek Road project. Discussion was held on purchasing a gravel screen for the county road department.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 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