

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 1, 2026

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2026 at 9:15 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 Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The following claims were submitted and approved for payment:

AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	3,719.71
AT&T	105.31
AT&T MOBILITY	501.08
BEEF STATE AGENCY	266.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	14,884.38
BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	4,652.19
CENTURYLINK	321.78
CHAD MCCUMBERS	249.01
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	206.98
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	299.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	401.35
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	10,756.48
GALL'S, LLC	352.90
GARRETTE NAILLON	15.49
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	51.16
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	239.90
IRENE RICHEY	19.00
LACY KLEIN	490.10
LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	111.40
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	124.27
MICHELLE J. ZIMMERMAN	1,438.08
MIPS INC.	5,444.15
NACO	1,845.50
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	341.00
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	711.99
OUTLAW PRINTERS	185.52
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	1,056.81

PLATTE VALLEY BANK - NE	9,372.62
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	840.00
QUILL CORPORATION	251.36
SCOTT BIBB	268.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	4,047.31
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	325.70
SIOUX CO. CLERK OF THE DIST. COURT	72.00
SIOUX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2,000.00
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND & STECHER	524.90
STRYKER SALES, LLC	180.96
TRANSFER TO LIBRARY FUND	5,000.00
TRANSFER TO NOXIOUS WEED FUND	5,000.00
TRANSFER TO ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	260,000.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	120.00
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	575.20
WINDBREAK CABLE	169.97
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	2,824.79
BEEF STATE AGENCY	907.50
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	17,348.53
BOBBY REECE	100.00
CENTURYLINK	85.94
CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	424.00
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	27.94
CRUSH-TECH	147,500.00
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	7,922.29
FRANK PARTS CO	89.46
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	243.22
KURT TREMAIN	250.00
LEGACY COOPERATIVE	311.79
LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	16.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	46.15
Menards - Scottsbluff	26.97
MORRILL SUPPLY	22.08
MOTOR FUEL DIVISION	130.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO.	2,834.22
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	81.17
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	6,392.40
SANDHILLS STATE BANK	88,658.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	2,987.58
SKEETER'S NAPA	264.49
U-SAVE MART	609.27
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	110.25
VILLAGE OF MORRILL	213.20

W.P.C.I.	284.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	116.91
BOOKS-A-MILLION	24.00
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	7.48
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	1,470.00
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	95.57
NT&T	874.00
SARAH SANDERSON	36.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	132.49
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	130.25
WINDBREAK CABLE	59.95
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	60.65
BEEF STATE AGENCY	36.30
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	335.55
CENTURYLINK	85.94
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	153.00
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	898.90
LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	229.95
PANHANDLE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	1,000.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	59.83
WESTCO	2,042.00
AFLAC	1,566.46
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	4,601.85
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	8,142.09
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	69.00
MASA GLOBAL	225.00
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	2,625.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	12,074.95
SIOUX COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST FUND	200.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	327.65

Jill Balcom, Sioux County Historical Society met with the board to request a \$2,000 grant. The money helps with projects, painting and fixing up buildings. This is the 50th anniversary of the museum. It and Coffee Park were bicentennial projects. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the request. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Skavdahl entered the meeting at 9:35.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Michelle Zimmerman budget authority for the 26-27 budget. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report. McCumbers gave an update on recent activities. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a USDA Forest Service grant as submitted. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director gave updates regarding activities, and legislation taking effect on July 18. Meredith updated the board on legislation for next session as well.

Jay Sturdevant, Superintendent of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument met with the board to give an update on the River Road project. Sturdevant will look into Federal Highways submitting a cost estimate for the stretch of county road outside the park. Sturdevant expressed that it had been a hard spring, following the loss of Anne Wilson. Summer projects have decreased and seasonal workers are being hired now.

Commissioner Geiser discussed purchasing portable hand-held radios for the road department.

Road/Weed Superintendent Eric McCoy advised the board that they are spraying weeds when they can. The road department has tested a Case and a John Deere skid steer. McCoy believes the John Deere machine is a better deal and recommended that the county lease the skid steer. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the lease. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to enter into an Interlocal Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement with the other panhandle counties for reciprocal emergency management assistance in case of disaster, emergency, or civil defense emergency beyond what any county can address unassisted. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board watched a presentation from iWorQ, asset management program for the road department. The purchase of the program will be discussed during budget reviews.

An application for permission to occupy county road right-of-way submitted by Hereford Farms, LLC was presented to the board and discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the application. 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 August 3, 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