

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 1, 2026

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser 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 Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes, Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer yes, Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The following claims were submitted and approved for payment:

AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	3,953.55
AT&T	106.18
AT&T MOBILITY	497.72
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	14,884.38
BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	4,708.50
CHAD MCCUMBERS	575.43
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	298.78
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	582.00
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	86.75
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	212.32
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE	366.47
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	4,153.82
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	8.25
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	559.80
HORSE CREEK TIRE INC	84.89
IRENE RICHEY	19.00
JOELLA NORMAN	545.06
LACY KLEIN	152.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	16.07
MATTHEW PARKER	350.00
MICHELLE J. ZIMMERMAN	320.13
MIPS INC.	2,705.21
NACO	165.00
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	543.15
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	840.00
QUILL CORPORATION	245.18
REGION 23 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	31,839.75

SECURITY FIRST BANK	4,387.19
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	86.55
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND & STECHER	525.86
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	120.00
U-SAVE MART	270.43
UNL EXTENSION - BOX BUTTE COUNTY	86.85
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	469.20
WINDBREAK CABLE	109.90
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	2,841.66
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	17,348.53
CENTURYLINK	83.94
CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	69.00
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	5,269.48
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	59.34
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	288.61
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	8.35
Menards - Scottsbluff	94.68
MORRILL HARDWARE	121.97
MORRILL SUPPLY	2.88
MOTOR FUEL DIVISION	658.00
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO.	2,319.27
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	89.30
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	13,910.11
POWERPLAN	583.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	3,047.16
SKEETER'S NAPA	1,539.83
SMS POWERTRAIN & HARDWARE LLC	118.76
T.D.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	35.00
U-SAVE MART	161.95
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	68.25
VILLAGE OF MORRILL	100.45
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	124.98
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	7.82
MID AMERICA BOOKS	431.10
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	86.47
SARAH SANDERSON	75.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	141.65
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	118.25
WINDBREAK CABLE	59.95
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	60.65
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	335.55
CENTURYLINK	83.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	59.83

AFLAC	1,566.46
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	4,780.28
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	8,142.09
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	118.50
MASA GLOBAL	237.50
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	2,773.83
SECURITY FIRST BANK	13,202.32
SIOUX COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST FUND	200.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	327.65

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk, submitted financial reports to the board. Discussion was held regarding a letter received from Basin Electric Power Cooperative requesting feedback on a transmission line potentially being built in Sioux County.

David Keener addressed the Board regarding a request he had made to Road Superintendent Eric McCoy. Keener had asked that a maintainer and water truck be available on his road while chopping; however, the request was not granted. Keener stated that his request had “fallen on deaf ears” and expressed concern that the practice was not fair or equitable for all residents.

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

Sheriff McCumbers provided a fee summary and updated the board on recent activities. Discussion was held on reclassifying employees in the sheriff’s office.

Road/Weed Superintendent Eric McCoy discussed various bridges needing work in the county.

McCoy requested the board approve the hiring of Shylee Gimm as Administrative Assistant for the road/weed department for 13 to 17 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the hire. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve an Application for Permission to Occupy County Road/Right-of-way submitted by Viaero Fiber Network LLC to construct conduits underground for Fiber Optics on S-A Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent McCoy submitted pricing on a pull-behind equipment trailer. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. McCoy also discussed phones and a tablet for road employees.

Commissioner Downer asked Road Superintendent Eric McCoy about David Keener’s request for equipment assistance while chopping. McCoy stated that the truck was broke down. He also reported that he had spoken with Keener several times and had asked about the availability of a water supply but did not receive a response.

There being no further business to come before the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 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