Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 2, 2026

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the October 1 and 5, 2026 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The following claims were submitted and approved for payment:

Vendor Name	Amount
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	3,900.55
AT&T	107.78
AT&T MOBILITY	488.12
BECKY HUTCHINGS	77.52
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	16,946.36
BYTES COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	4,697.99
CENTURYLINK	747.02
CHAD MCCUMBERS	15.86
CONNECTING POINT	467.62
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	364.31
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	582.00
DAVID HOWELL	76.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	258.53
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE	4,666.84
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	2,204.98
GARRETTE NAILLON	226.48
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	1,196.95
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	14.28
IRENE RICHEY	19.00
J. ADAM EDMUND	829.84
JOELLA NORMAN	342.00
LA QUINTA BY WYNDHAM KEARNEY	711.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	16.07
MATTHEW PARKER	175.00
MICHELLE J. ZIMMERMAN	690.23
MIPS INC.	2,912.35

NACO	168.72
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	458.49
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	1,251.43
PRINT EXPRESS	472.82
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	500.00
RADAR SHOP	192.00
SCOTT BIBB	18.79
SCOTTSBLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	7,400.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	4,311.54
SKAVDAHL, EDMUND & STECHER	1,083.70
TESSA REECE	58.11
TiCo CUSTOMS, LLC	426.00
TRANSFER TO LIBRARY FUND	5,000.00
TRANSFER TO NOXIOUS WEED FUND	5,000.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	120.00
U-SAVE MART	572.97
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN	226.66
USDA, APHIS, WILDLIFE SERVICES	11,370.54
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	455.20
WINDBREAK CABLE	109.90
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	2,774.14
B & C STEEL CORPORATION	18.30
BEEF STATE AGENCY	87.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	15,286.55
CENTURYLINK	85.14
CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	340.00
CRAWFORD LIVESTOCK MARKET	210.00
DOOLEY OIL, INC.	6,342.57
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	28.78
KAUFMAN TRAILERS, LLC	7,990.00
LOTTON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	295.79
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	8.35
MORRILL HARDWARE	56.39
MORRILL SUPPLY	43.92
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO.	1,361.53
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	83.95
PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER	5,874.18
POMP'S TIRE & RETREADING, INC	414.16
POWERPLAN	1,014.04
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC	9,706.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	3,019.42
SKEETER'S NAPA	989.56
T.D.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	35.00

U-SAVE MART	379.22
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	66.25
VILLAGE OF MORRILL	106.83
W.P.C.I.	433.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	129.51
CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	170.00
HARRISON MARKET	51.18
HERREN BROTHER'S TRUE VALUE	21.96
MID AMERICA BOOKS	124.75
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	72.23
NT&T	29.90
SARAH SANDERSON	91.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	146.78
VILLAGE OF HARRISON	154.25
WINDBREAK CABLE	59.95
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FROM INHERITANC	261,510.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	60.65
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	335.55
CENTURYLINK	85.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	59.83
AFLAC	1,566.46
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	4,699.33
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	8,142.09
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, INC	118.50
MASA GLOBAL	225.00
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	2,733.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	13,211.61
SIOUX COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST FUND	200.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	327.65

Jay Sturdevant, Agate Fossil Beds Superintendent updated the board on the River Road construction. The update is expected to take place June through November of 2027.

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

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the draft financials for the 25-26 audit submitted by Contryman Associates, P.C. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Gale Henry met with the board to inquire about animal damage. Henry was advised that the county has a contract with USDA and is billed quarterly for the services provided. Henry also questioned the closure of a portion of Indian Creek Road. Copies of meeting minutes were provided to Henry for his information.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a fee summary and updated the board on recent activities.

David Levy, Baird, Holm, LLP and Austin Paxson, NextEra Energy gave an update on the wind project. Firefighting training will be held in early 2027, and an invitation to the training was extended to the board. NextEra will be helping with the school consolidation with a donation for new uniforms. NextEra would also like to donate a water buffalo to the fire department, discussions with the fire chief are being held. Surveys and environmental studies are being planned for a solar project permit to be filed in 2027.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the fully executed Conditional Use Permit for Silver Maple Solar project. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for the custodial employee position. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road/Weed Superintendent Eric McCoy presented three propane bids. Bids were received from Beguin Propane for $1.90 per gallon, Westco, $1.79 per gallon and Legacy Coop for $1.79 per gallon. Motion made by Downer to accept the bids and award the contract to Legacy Coop for the south shop. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Giser, seconded by Downer to award the contract to Westco for the Harrison shop. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve purchase of a cell phone and tablet for the road department and cease cell phone reimbursement to Eric McCoy. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus a car trailer and list it for sale on Purple Wave Auctions. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign Resolution 2026-9, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Kerri Rempp met with the board to request a change to the Travel Board by-laws, allowing for meetings to be held twice per year. Motion by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the change. 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 1:17 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 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