

Sioux County Board Minutes



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Harrison, Nebraska

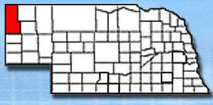
July 1, 2016

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2016, 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. J. W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Downer seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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, 2016 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 34,961.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 218.19; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 183.72; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,137.28/employee share, 1,448.03; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 15,937.00; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone, 173.13; Crawford Clipper, publications, 293.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 195.80; Gall's, supply, 193.90; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 385.56; GIS Workshop, yearly support, 6,495.00; Sue Gullikson, election pay, 18.00/mileage, 31.32; Holiday Inn, Kearney, rooms, 399.80; Lotton's, repairs, 81.90; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 140.01; Midwest connect, supply, 55.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing 1,992.64; Mobius Communications, phone, 223.63; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,081.02; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 744.72; NEA, electric, 787.49; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 98.16; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 476.62; Quill Corporation, supply, 263.87; Region 1 Mental Health, contract, 6,591.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 466.83; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,922.93/employee share social security, 1,922.93/county share medicare, 449.69/employee share medicare, 449.69/withholding, 1,821.54; Sharon Semroska, election pay, 18.00/ mileage, 17.28; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 400.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/phone, 20.02; Smith, King & Simmons, fees, 261.00; Staples, supplies, 1,559.31; Totalfunds by Hasler, postage, 1,000.00; University of NE, TV cost share, 15.00; University of Nebraska, extension salary, 3,664.42; Viaero, phone, 98.85; Village of Harrison, utilities, 390.02; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 45.36.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 27,158.89; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 64.85; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 183.84; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,815.50/employee share retirement, 1,210.33; B & C Steel, supply, 949.19; Bauerkempers, repairs, 16.50; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 13,587.88; Centurylink, internet, 57.55; Crawford Clipper, ad, 32.10; Dooley Oil, supply, 1,469.20; Herren's, supply, 3,659.76; Ideal Linen, rugs, 25.36; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, supply, 1,120.83; Moore Equipment Co., repair, 109.70; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 185.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 460.56; NE Machinery, repairs, 4,784.45; NEA, electric, 61.22; Norm's Napa, parts, 163.08; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,140.52; Powerplan, repair, 3,798.47; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,499.95/employee share social security, 1,499.95/county share medicare, 350.80/employee share medicare, 350.80/withholding, 1,058.32; U-Save Mart, fuel, 342.89; Village of Harrison, utility, 86.20; Village of Morrill, electric, 65.33; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 143.04; WPCI, drug testing, 138.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,608.26; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 34.97; Amazon, books, 693.06; Ameritas, eye ins., 22.28; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 108.56/employee share retirement, 72.37; Centurylink,



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phone, 139.84; Crawford Clipper, notice, .30; Sunny Edwards, library garden, 233.46; Herren's, supply, 99.79; Ideal Linen, rugs, 13.14; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 26.00; NEA, utilities, 95.69; The Penworthy Company, books, 714.45; Quill Corp., supplies, 229.76; Security First Bank, county share social security, 96.16/employee share social security 96.16/county share medicare, 22.49/employee share medicare 22.49/withholding, 76.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 56.20.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,380.14 ; Agspray Equipment, supply, 35.04; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 31.36; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 295.66/employee share retirement, 197.11; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 1,876.48; Centurylink, internet, 57.55; Heritage Seed, supply, 1,992.75; Herren's, supply, 179.95; Lotton's Service & Repair, repair, fuel, 514.75; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.43; Ramada Inn, Kearney, room, 140.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 91.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 246.35/employee share social security, 246.35/county share medicare, 57.61/employee share medicare, 57.61/ withholding, 102.64; Simplot, chemical, 6,635.56; Sioux County Clerk, maps, 53.26.

Sarah Sanderson updated the board on windows that are being replaced in the courthouse. Sarah also will contact ABC Blinds to get a quote on replacing the blinds on the windows on the second floor. She will report back to the board later in the month.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports and the Assessor's Three Year Plan of Assessment. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Michelle Zimmerman budget making authority for the 2016-2017 budget. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jennifer Fowler provided the board with updated financial reports.

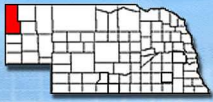
Sheriff McCumbers advised the board regarding recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers has been researching a new patrol vehicle. He will put the item in his budget.

Jeanna Boland introduced herself as the new Extension Assistant.

Library Director Tralice Ellis and board member Jackie Buhr met with the board with an update on activities at the library. There has been an increase in foot traffic and computer use. New flooring has been installed and new painting has been done. There is a concern regarding the exterior. It is not getting the attention that it should. Ellis's daughter and board members have mowed and tended to the lawn. Ellis stated that she had talked to Brad Munson regarding the upkeep of the lawn, but hasn't seen a change. What is the next step? The board will review the contract with Munson. The board approved getting three quotes for installation of an underground sprinkler system. Chad and Cindy McCumbers have gathered funds to put a TV room in the library and it is to be installed immediately.

Road Superintendent Thayer presented a letter to send to the Nebraska Department of Roads for relaxation of standards on the Montrose Bridge. Motion to give Commissioner Skavdahl authority to sign the letter was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Sealed bids will be taken on 19 culverts and various autogates, rather than put them on the Big Iron Auction. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to add the following items to the surplus property list: 1984 Kenworth W900 dump truck, 1993 Ford F250 pickup, 1980 Ford F250 pickup, 1997 Chevrolet K1500 pickup, Pettibone B500 Rock Crusher and 1993 Chevrolet 2500 pickup. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. These items will be listed on BigIron Unreserved Online Auction on July 13, 2016.



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Gale Henry met with the board concerning Edgemont Road. Henry asked how things are going and what is planned. Road Foreman Mathis stated we need to get more red rock from Montrose Road south on Edgemont Road, as soon as we find the money. Henry asked where the tax money goes, the school gets a lot of money for education, but the tax thing is terrible for the amount of people being educated. Henry also stated that the road grader sat for a week or two and we can't do that. He questioned whether the county should contract the road work done. Commissioner Skavdahl stated that the men can get paid for overtime now. Road Foreman Mathis says the wage is the reason they don't come for jobs and that the blade sets because the operator has to go somewhere else. Mathis said the men have attitudes that "that's good enough". Henry asked if they had ever checked into Wyoming who lets people work on their own roads for a year. Chairman Skavdahl stated that contracting work has been discussed. Henry asked the board to please try to do something.

Mark Chrisman met with the board and said he would like to extend his contract to crush gravel. The board will let Mark know after working on the budget in July. County Attorney Edmund will prepare a change order for next meeting.

Road Superintendent Thayer discussed the installation of object markers with the board. The markers have been received. There was discussion on putting out bids to have individuals install the markers in certain areas. The matter will be addressed again at the August meeting.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to hire Michael Britton as a truck driver for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to pay Britton \$14.00 per hour. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes.

Road Foreman Mathis requested that the probationary salary for Scott Burback be waived, and that he be hired at the same rate the other road workers are receiving. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to skip the probationary wage for Burback. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Elvin Staman which was a request to work 4/5 time. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the request with the understanding that Staman will be paid straight time and will not receive overtime until 40 hours are worked. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to allow Dan Franks to carry over 41 hours of vacation time. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Dan Skavdahl, representing the historical society met with the board and asked their continued financial support of \$2,000 per year. The item will be reviewed at budget time.

Don Freyda, USDA, APHIS gave an update of wildlife management over the past year. He has requested about a 2% increase from last year for his services. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the budget request of \$19,585.94 for fiscal year 2016-2017. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Chairman Skavdahl signed the agreement for services.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2016.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk