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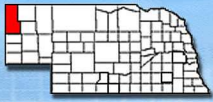
Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2016

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 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 Geiser seconded by Downer 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the July 1, 19 and 20, 2016 meetings. 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, 34,762.36; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 218.19; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 183.72; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,138.83/employee share, 1,449.13; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,849.60; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 73.44; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone, 175.88; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 195.80; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 281.88; Hampton Inn, room, 94.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 57.87; MIPS, Inc., data processing 2,040.38; Mobius Communications, phone, 223.63; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, workshop, 260.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 730.27; NEA, electric, 440.76; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 28.08/ postage, 52.65; Panhandle Area Development District, dues, 821.60; Panhandle RC & D, dues, 300.00; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 103.41; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 449.19; Region 1 Office of Human Development, contract, 1,642.50; Regional West Medical Center, autopsy, 171.05; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 189.25; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,886.84/employee share social security, 1,886.84/county share medicare, 441.27/employee share medicare, 441.27/withholding, 1,785.19; Barbara Serres, mileage, 75.60/ supply, 185.58; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 400.00; Josh Skavdahl, mileage, 606.96; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 136.10; Viaero, phone, 98.85; Village of Harrison, utilities, 465.02; Western Pathology Consultants, PC, autopsy, 325.00; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 75.60.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 29,814.94; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 64.85; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 183.84; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,945.42/employee share retirement, 1,296.95; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,084.64; Centurylink, internet, 49.63; Contractor's Materials, supply, 407.00; Dale's tire, tires, 1,061.36; Dooley Oil, fuel, oil, 2,903.63; Floyd's Truck Center, repair, 469.54; Heilbrun's, supply, 30.52; Herren's, supply, 419.48; Ideal Linen, rugs, 50.92; Inland Truck Parts, repairs, 795.32; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, supply, 616.55; Lusk Herald, ad, 44.00; Mark Chrisman Trucking, crushing gravel, 11,500.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 538.43; NE Machinery, repairs, 1,355.11; NEA, electric, 60.79; Norm's Napa, parts, 348.43; Office Depot, supply, 353.57; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,790.71; Powerplan, repair, 807.67; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,633.66/employee share social security, 1,633.66/county share medicare, 382.07/employee share medicare, 382.07/withholding, 1,279.80; Scottsbluff Star Herald, ad, 493.78; Steve's Truck & Equipment, repair, 250.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 217.53; Village of Harrison, utility, 86.10; Elwood Weitzel, clay, 712.00.



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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,654.28; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 34.97; Amazon, books 534.06; Ameritas, eye ins., 22.28; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 111.66/employee share retirement, 74.44; Audio Editions, supply, 100.88; Centurylink, phone, 141.22; Crawford Clipper, subscription, 30.00; Randy Ellis, repairs, 220.00; Michael Frederick, books, 24.00; Herren's, supply, 41.44; Ideal Linen, rugs, 25.96; Junior Library Guild, books, 850.80; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.42; NEA, utilities, 89.22; Security First Bank, county share social security, 99.02/employee share social security 99.02/county share medicare, 23.16/employee share medicare 23.16/withholding, 81.01; Village of Harrison, utilities, 64.20.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,380.14 ; Agspray Equipment, supply, 208.73; 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, 2,101.68; Centurylink, internet, 49.63; Heritage Seed, supply, 798.00; Herren's, supply, 83.32; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 554.00/repair, 889.58; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 52.98; Security First Bank, county share social security, 243.56/employee share social security, 243.56/county share medicare, 56.96/employee share medicare, 56.93/ withholding, 102.64;

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to set the date for the 2016-2017 County Budget Hearing on September 1, 2016. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. 77-3443, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners received preliminary property tax requests from the following political subdivisions: Village of Harrison, Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, Sioux County Fair, and Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl yes.

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has the duty of reviewing and either approving or disapproving the levy request of all political subdivisions allowed to levy a tax for tax year 2016-2017 under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443;

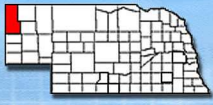
WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Village of Harrison Nebraska, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2016-2017 of \$41,500.00;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. Requesting a preliminary tax request for the year 2016-2017 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2016-2017;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2016-2017 of \$60,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,200.00 for a total of \$61,200.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2016-2017;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sioux County Fair requesting a preliminary tax request of \$22,500.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$450.00 for a total of \$22,950.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2016-2017.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the requested tax requests submitted by the foregoing political subdivisions under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443(8) providing the County with the responsibility of



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allocating up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority under subsection (1) of 77-3443 and not specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property.

Sioux County Treasurer, Barbara Serres provided the board with updated financial reports.

Brad Munson met with the board and stated that he had been in contact with Tralice Ellis concerning the ground maintenance at the library, he has addressed her concerns and asked Ellis to contact him if she needs to have him do anything there.

Sheriff McCumbers met with the board to review his budget. McCumbers advised the board on various activities in the county during the past month.

Jenny Nixon and Johnson Campbell reviewed the extension budget with the board.

Thorpe Thompson, Road Superintendent Gary Thayer and Road Foreman Gordon Mathis met with the board regarding the sign project. The project was bid, with the matter being tabled at that time. Thorpe offered to install the object markers for \$57.00 per sign. There was much discussion regarding a timeline and planning for the project. Mathis said that maps showing locations aren't real accurate, as they were just marked on a map. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Thorpe Thompson's proposal to install the signs for \$57.00 per sign. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Hal to instruct County Attorney Edmund to prepare a contract for Thorpe Thompson. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A program agreement for horizontal curve signage with Nebraska Department of Roads was reviewed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

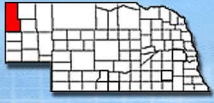
Superintendent Thayer updated the board on progress on the Montrose Bridge project. Thayer is ready to submit the paperwork for funding. The Department of Roads will meet on August 19 and review the agreement at that time.

Discussion was held on the road department overtime versus compensatory time. Attorney Edmund explained how Dawes County handles this. The road superintendent can call employees out after hours and it is understood that it will be overtime. The Sioux County Employee Handbook needs to be clear on the subject. Mathis stated that not a whole lot of guys take overtime. Commissioner Skavdahl suggested meeting with the road employees to see how overtime will work. County Attorney Edmund agreed that the board needs to talk to their employees. Mathis says they don't want to get overtime, and he would like to have the handbook have something to clarify that if he calls them in it is mandatory that they come in. Mathis stated that we don't have a fulltime person in the north district.

Bids on surplus road property were opened. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the bids. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Mathis will contact those who bid on the items.

The Annual Certification Form for Federal Funds Purchase Program Agreement for allocation of STP and HBP Buyout Funds was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign the form. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A budget workshop was held.



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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 1, 2016.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk