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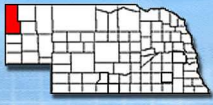
Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2017

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 1, 2017, at 9:00 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. Tim Kreider opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, 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 3, 2017 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 32,290.83 Advanced Correctional Healthcare, inmate expense, 80.66; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 187.25; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,134.60/employee share, 1,446.42; Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 2018 expense, 728.00; Bemis Drug, inmate expense, 33.48; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,571.80; Jeanna Boland, mileage, 115.56; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 70.62; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone, 178.40; Connecting Point, office supply, 72.49; Crawford Clipper, publications, 380.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 174.84; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 470.80; Jamie Goffena, mileage, 54.04; Herren's, supply, 11.99; Christine Karell, APRN, inmate medical expense, 100.00; Kimball County Sheriff's Office, board of prisoner, 1,620.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 74.90; Kreider Insurance, additional insurance, 1,609.38; Lotton's Service & Repair, service, 164.95; Chad McCumbers, fuel valve, 44.67; Midwest Special Services, Inc., inmate transport, 240.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,090.65; Mobius Communications, phone, 336.47; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of County Clerks, registration, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 786.78; Nein Pharmacy, inmate expense, 14.99; NEA, electric, 468.64; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, meals, 758.25; Panhandle Area Development District, 17/18 dues, 821.60; Panhandle RC&D, conservation & development, 300.00; Panhandle Research & Extension Center, mileage, 101.11; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 840.81; Print Express, supplies, 298.85; Quill Corporation, supplies, 191.24; Region I Office of Human Development, behavioral health services, 1,642.50; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 119.88; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,746.72/employee share social security, 1,746.72/county share medicare, 408.50/employee share medicare, 408.50/ withholding, 2,198.20; Sioux County Court, court costs, 465.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Josh Skavdahl, mileage, 262.68; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.20; LeAnne Skavdahl, juror mileage, 37.80; Totalfunds by Hasler, postage, 500.00; University of NE, subscription, 30.00; USDA, APHIS, predator services, 4,916.85; Viaero Wireless, phone, 124.98; Village of Harrison, utilities, 496.85; Western Communications, supply, 134.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 87.74.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 31,615.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 64.85; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 197.32; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,116.32/employee share retirement, 1,410.86; Bar 4 Bar Enterprises, bumper, 850.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,545.10; Centurylink, internet, 50.87; Contractors Materials, parts, 392.35; Dale's Tire, balance, 60.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, supply, 3,860.02; Floyd's Truck Center, parts, Frank Parts Co., parts, 4,120.97; Herren's, supply, 206.20; Horse Creek Tire, tire repairs, 469.32; Ideal Linen, rugs, 28.24; Inland Truck Parts & Service, parts, 742.86; Kreider Insurance, additional worker's comp., 3,974.60;



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Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel & repairs, 141.90; Billy Mack, part, 98.85; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 42.75; Morrill Supply, parts, 115.64; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 650.14; NE Machinery, repairs, 2,185.64; NEA, electric, 55.63; Norm's Napa, parts, 355.78; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 3,569.72; Powerplan, repairs, 382.82; Running Water Gravel, gravel, 15,900.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,751.15/employee share social security, 1,751.15/county share medicare, 409.55/employee share medicare, 409.55/withholding, 1,725.91; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 317.53; Village of Harrison, utility, 91.10; Village of Morrill, electricity, 72.46; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 1,724.00; Scott Wilkins, hauling gravel, 19,536.00.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND: DOT, FHWA, preliminary engineering – Montrose Bridge, 5,105.96.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,644.63; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 34.97; Amazon, repairs, programs, supplies, 1,674.18; Ameritas, eye ins., 22.28; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 111.01/employee share retirement, 74.01; Centurylink, phone, 143.42; Crawford Clipper, notice, subscription, 37.10; Demco, books, 108.18; Randy Ellis, labor, 450.00; Golden Horse LTD, supply, 13.83; Herren Brothers, supplies, 112.047; Ideal Linen Supply, rugs, 14.60; Junior Library Guild, supplies, 915.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 26.87; NEA, utilities, 77.52; Security First Bank, county share social security, 98.42/employee share social security 98.42/county share medicare, 23.02/employee share medicare 23.02/withholding, 79.25; Village of Harrison, utilities, 66.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,465.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 31.36; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 301.42/employee share retirement, 200.95; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,025.02; Centurylink, internet, 50.87; Heritage Seed Co., chemical, 1,128.00; Herren Brothers, supplies, 291.35; Kreider Insurance, additional worker's comp., 511.02; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 1,347.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.61; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 133.75; Security First Bank, county share social security, 249.80/employee share social security, 249.80/county share medicare, 58.42/employee share medicare, 58.42/withholding, 101.80.

Tim Kreider met with the board and explained additional worker's compensation charges.

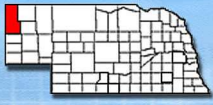
David Goebel from Ameresco provided the board with an Energy Efficiency Project Feasibility Study for the Sioux County Courthouse. Ameresco provides turnkey designs to make buildings more energy efficient. An analysis of the courthouse and improvement measures was included in the study. Mr. Goebel will be contacted to come back and give more in-depth information on the potential project.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to adopt Resolution 2017-5, closing various unused funds, and transferring the balances to appropriate funds. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to adopt Resolution 2017-6, transferring funds from Visitor's Promotion Fund into Visitor's Improvement Fund. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to adopt Resolution 2017-7, approving the Sioux County Local Emergency Operations Plan. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to set the date for the 2017-2018 County Budget Hearing for September 1, 2017. 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2017-2018;

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 2017-2018 of \$55,800.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,116.00 for a total of \$56,916.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2017-2018;

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 \$23,600.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$472.00 for a total of \$24,072.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2017-2018.

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 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.

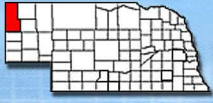
Nick Sanderson updated the board on recent activities. Sanderson discussed the Absinth wormwood, a new invasive species to the Nebraska panhandle.

Sheriff McCumbers discussed recent activities, and submitted some budget adjustments.

Jenny Nixon and Jeanna Boland updated the board on June, July and fair activities. Jenny extended an invitation to the board to dine with the University of Nebraska Chancellor next Tuesday.

Road Foreman Mathis advised the board that Sue Willey is still working on FEMA documentation.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve 22 hours of vacation carry-over for Mick Lashley. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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The board adjourned from 12:08 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Tim Buskirk, US Forest Service representative updated the board on their plan for responding to the solar eclipse. A lot of people are expected on the roads. There is currently a fire ban on forest service property, except for campgrounds. The forest service will have fire trucks and recreation patrols out in the county. A press release will be going out soon. Mr. Buskirk also stated that grazing on forest service land is normal and he sees no reductions anytime soon.

Gary Thayer and Kim Earnie, Forest Service representative, gave an update on the Montrose Bridge project. The forest service will be able to cover some costs of aggregate materials and possibly some riprap for the project. Mr. Earnie advised that Toadstool Road will be resurfaced before long. They will look at the county roads while they are there and will spot gravel the damage they make after they are done, hopefully the end of September. Sand Creek Road will also be getting gravel in October to early November.

A budget workshop was held

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 1, 2017.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk