

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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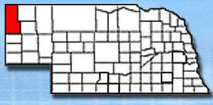
Harrison, Nebraska

October 2, 2017

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl and Hal Downer. Commissioner Geiser was absent. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Downer seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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 September 1, 2017 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 32,485.93; Action Communications, radio repair, 305.06; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 187.25; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,145.47/employee share, 1,454.25; Axon Enterprise, supplies, 220.04; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,571.80; Jeanna Boland, mileage, 115.56/supplies, 20.93; Box Butte Co. Sheriff's Office, inmate boarding, 8,055.00; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 73.83; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone, 174.85; Contryman Associates, P.C., consultation, 560.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 316.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 174.84; Hampton Inn, room, 99.00; Herren's, supply, 8.78; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 99.95; Horse Creek Tire, service, 65.97; Steve Johnson, mileage, 53.50; Lacy Klein, mileage, 74.90; Lied Lodge & Conference Center, room, 202.00; Lincoln County Detention Center, inmate housing, 1,550.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, service, fuel, 36.00; Larry Martinson, grounds repair, 15.00; Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport, 507.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,156.10; Mobius Communications, phone, 223.21; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 200.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 790.54; NEA, electric, 455.89; Jennifer Nixon, supply, 7.99; Office Depot, supplies, 106.73; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 847.23; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 303.31; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,758.82/employee share social security, 1,758.82/county share medicare, 411.33/employee share medicare, 411.33/ withholding, 2,209.02; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.19; Staples, supplies, 443.70; Scottsbluff Star Herald, subscription, 195.00; Joe Stecher, mileage, 189.93; U-Save Mart, fuel, 21.50; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, extension salary, 11,215.60; Viaero Wireless, phone, 124.88; Village of Harrison, utilities, 495.25; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 611.50/ meals, 40.33.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,212.94; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 26.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 197.32; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,875.75/employee share retirement, 1,250.47; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 13,781.66; Centurylink, internet, 50.53; Dale's Tire, tires, 652.89; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 2,023.27; Frank Parts, parts, 96.21; Herren's, supply, 293.42; Horse Creek Tire, tire repairs, 49.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 75.98; Inland Truck Parts & Service, parts, 2,371.02; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 192.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel & repairs, 243.59; Morrill Supply, parts, 17.43; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 1,079.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 509.15; NE Machinery, repairs, 2,694.61; NEA, electric, 66.87; Norm's Napa, parts, 637.23; Office Depot, supplies, 119.49; Panhandle Coop, propane, 161.77; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,758.35; Powerplan, repairs, 9,414.49; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,553.49/employee share social security, 1,553.49/county share medicare, 363.32/employee share medicare, 363.32/withholding, 1,317.23; TDS Environmental Services, garbage,



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25.00; Tip Top Tree Service, tree removal, 500.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 49.68; Village of Harrison, utility, 92.70; Village of Morrill, electricity, 82.38; WPCI, drug /alcohol testing, 138.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Journey to Western Nebraska magazine, advertisement, 710.00; Western NE tourism Coalition, dues, 63.38.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,555.43; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 34.97; Amazon, books, 1,022.41; Ameritas, eye ins., 22.28; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 104.99/employee share retirement, 69.99; Centurylink, phone, 141.76; Tralice Ellis, supplies, 30.31; Herren's, supplies, 208.81; Ideal Linen Supply, rugs, 23.20; Independent Plumbing & Heating, repairs, 1,197.71; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, clean carpets, 241.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 24.13; NEA, utilities, 87.82; Quill Corporation, supplies, 30.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 92.89/employee share social security 92.89/county share medicare, 21.72/employee share medicare 21.72/withholding, 70.74; Village of Harrison, utilities, 53.20.

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; Bluetarp Financial, supplies, 160.63; Centurylink, internet, 50.54; Crawford Clipper, ad, 90.00; Heritage Seed Co., chemical, 2,010.35; Herren Brothers, supplies, 56.79; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 637.00; NE Weed Control Assoc., registration, 240.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.61; Office Depot, supplies, 106.73; 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.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted road reports to the commissioners.

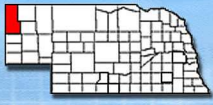
Sarah Sanderson advised the board that the sidewalk on the south side of the courthouse is breaking up. Discussion was also held on landscaping that needs done on the east side of the courthouse. Sarah was asked to contact landscapers and someone to repair the sidewalk.

Nick Sanderson and Jeff Lampmann, Department of Agriculture Ag Inspector met with the board. Nick discussed the increased stream flow on the Niobrara River following the spraying that has been done there. Nick would like to have someone fix the corner of the weed shop. Sanderson was instructed to get written bids to have the work done. Sanderson notified the board of a rangeland tour sponsored by Chadron State College October 17-19. Absinth Wormwood is being watched in several areas in the county. Jeff Lampmann discussed the evaluation of Nick Sanderson making sure that the county is complying with the weed control act.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted a written update on recent activities.

Jenny Nixon and Jeanna Boland updated the board on extension activities. This is National 4-H Week. Achievement night is scheduled for October 22 at the fire hall.

County Attorney Edmund reviewed the Highway 20 Inter Local Law Enforcement Agreement. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motor grader bids were opened by Chairman Skavdahl. Murphy Tractor submitted bids on four graders. Max Miller was present to answer questions. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to accept all bids. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Road Foreman Mathis was directed to look at the machines.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to advertise for propane bids. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the end of the probationary period for Pepper Dodge. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

Three applications for employment in the road department were opened. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to accept the applications. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board gave Road Foreman Mathis authority to hire one employee contingent on a background check.

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

Mike Kesselring met with the board. Kesselring stated that Sioux County had 25,000 people, conservatively, during the eclipse weekend. Agate had upwards of 11,000. He complimented everyone on hospitality shown, and added that no one had to pick up any trash after it was over, he didn't see any acting out or misbehaving. Kesselring explained the application process to receive money through the Sioux County Lodging Tax. Applications are available, the tourism board will vote, then forward to the county board for approval. Four separate grants of around \$500 will be available. Kesselring also is interested in trying to attract more women hunters to Sioux County. Kesselring would like the counties guidance in where to go with materials from buildings he is tearing down in the northeast part of town.

Kristina Harter, Northwest Nebraska Tourism Director said that the merge of Dawes and Sioux Counties tourism has been a positive one. The website is [Discovernwnebraska.com](http://Discovernwnebraska.com). Harter discussed grant applications and publications that have been distributed. Harter has a morning show on AM610 and invited the board to go on it with her.

Jill Balcom and Doris Wickersham met with the board concerning funding for the museum. There was a claim approved today for \$2,000. Balcom and Wickersham were advised that a claim just needs to be submitted for payment annually.

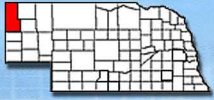
David Goebel, Ameresco met with the board concerning updates to the courthouse. Chairman Skavdahl asked Clerk Zimmerman to be the liaison on the project and work with Goebel to explore options for the updates.

Road Superintendent Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge Project.

Horizontal curve signs were discussed. Thorpe Thompson is to finish installing signs in Road District 3. The road crew will finish Districts 1 & 2.

Commissioner Skavdahl asked Foreman Mathis to flag and gravel the bad spots on River Road. Skavdahl will pay for half of the gravel.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2017.



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/s/Joshua Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk