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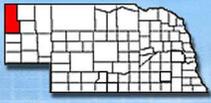
Harrison, Nebraska

June 1, 2018

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl 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 May 1 and 21, 2018 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, 34,047.59; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 139.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 170.12; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,254.45/employee share, 1,527.94; Cheryl Averill, elections, 152.92; Sarah Bannan, mileage, 59.95; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,316.76; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 71.94; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone, 176.44; Crawford Clipper, publications, 122.70; Lela Daniels, elections, 156.19; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 174.84; Election Systems and Software, coding, 4,000.83; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 380.41; Laurel Ginkens, elections, 121.50; Dalora Sue Gullikson, elections, 114.84; Ruth Hamaker, elections, 121.50; Herren's, supplies, 68.47; Judy Howell, elections, 171.27; Intab, LLC, supplies, 39.21; Cynthia Kaan, elections, 143.37; Lacy Klein, mileage, 76.30; Law Enforcement Systems, supplies, 239.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 41.00; Chad McCumbers, postage, 7.25/ fuel, 27.20/ uniform, 117.50; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,695.58; Mobius Communications, phone, 223.70; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, registrations, 425.00; NE Assn. of County Clerks, registration, 125.00; ; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 871.19; NEA, electric, 1,248.11; Office Depot, supplies, 49.99; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 391.17; Debby Petersen, elections, 126.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 643.44; Platte Valley Communications, sheriff expense, 382.18; Pritchard & Abbott, mineral appraisal, 260.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 320.87; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 178.41; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,862.33/employee share social security, 1,862.33/county share medicare, 435.53/employee share medicare, 435.53/ withholding, 1,987.94; Sharon Semroska, elections, 86.50; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Daniel Skavdahl, meals, 40.73/ room, 335.70/ mileage, 360.25; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.31; Staples, supplies, 297.54; Totalfunds by Hasler, postage, 500.00; UNL, computer, 1,557.14; UNL, extension salary, 10,167.01; Viaero Wireless, phone, 125.34; Village of Harrison, utilities, 304.85; Rodney Walsh, elections, 170.09; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 158.05/ meals, 135.08/ IT reimbursement, 40.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 29,316.56 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 26.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 228.68; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,961.13/employee share retirement, 1,307.39; B & C Steel Corporation, supply, 115.93; Barco Municipal Products, repairs, 148.97; Beguin Propane, propane, 713.90; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,688.40; Centurylink, internet, 51.83; Crawford Clipper, publication, 38.52; Dale's Tire and Retreading, Inc., tires, 1,283.58; Dooley Oil, Inc., supplies, 32.97; Floyd's Truck Center, Inc., supplies, 217.11; Frank Parts, parts, 721.72; Dan Franks, supplies, 9.99; GMC of Chadron, service, 175.54; Heritage Seed, grass seed, 195.60; Herren's, supply, 165.85; Horse Creek Tire, inc., tire repair, 43.28; Ideal Linen, rugs, 31.38; Kustom Rock Crushing, gravel



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crushing, 33,920.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 42.70; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., safety glasses, 28.88; Morrill Supply, supplies, 188.57; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 495.14; NE Machinery, repairs, 1,774.03; NEA, electric, 105.20; Office Depot, supplies, 98.85; Panhandle Coop, fuel, 555.35; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,771.69; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,594.87/employee share social security, 1,594.87/county share medicare, 372.99/employee share medicare, 372.99/withholding, 903.12; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 464.89; TDS, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 297.14; Village of Harrison, utility, 87.90; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 551.35; Westco, supply, 76.26.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,477.50; Amazon, supplies, 11.49; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 99.73/employee share retirement, 66.49; Centurylink, phone, 149.75; Demco, books, 170.02; Sunny Edwards, supply, 32.95; Herren's, supplies, 62.22; Ideal Linen Supply, rugs, 25.65; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, .06; NEA, utilities, 152.10; Security First Bank, county share social security, 91.61/employee share social security 91.61/county share medicare, 21.42/employee share medicare 21.42; Village of Harrison, utilities, 51.60.

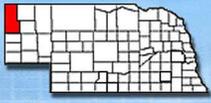
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,073.34; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 31.36; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 274.95/employee share retirement, 183.30; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,025.02; Centurylink, internet, 51.83; Crawford Clipper, notice, 75.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,085.55; Herren Brothers, supplies, 312.91; Lotton's Service & Repair, supply, fuel, 545.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 42.55; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 130.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 225.49/employee share social security, 225.49/county share medicare, 52.73/employee share medicare, 52.73/ withholding, 35.43.

David Goebel with Ameresco met with the board and provided an outline of various issues with Johnson Controls performance contract. The board will request some clarifications from Johnson Controls. Brett Gies recommended Ameresco for the courthouse project, stating that he has a good working relationship with them, urging the board to reconsider Ameresco if possible.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. The protest hearing dates will be July 23 and 24, 2018.

Dale Wickersham addressed the board regarding road issues. Wickersham stated "I expect something for my taxes. Gordon bladed two miles of road in a day, then the blade sat for 10 days, then Whitey bladed 2 ½ miles of gaps, then the blade was gone. White River Road flooded two weeks ago and again last week, and I haven't seen a blade. They did a little spot blading, but that is not effective. Just blade the road. White River Road is a ditch, water runs down the middle of the road. There are no ditches. The road conditions are detrimental to me and others on the road. You can't get to my property. Who would want to buy it? The majority of people on the road are elderly or retired. The roads are devaluing my investment. The Road foreman is not doing his job to let the roads get in this condition. If the Road foreman is not aware of it, he should be, that's his job. If the roads were crowned and properly built, graveled and maintained, it shouldn't be a problem, they should be easy to maintain."

Mike Corbin met with the board concerning Buckley and White River Roads. Corbin stated "a blade has been there all week, just patching. They spend more time turning around than blading roads. Since there has been a road foreman, the roads have done nothing but deteriorate. The foreman lacks organizational skills and leadership. He needs to not chase his tail going from fire to fire. I pay taxes, and would like to know where my taxes are going. The road department needs to be more organized and get more than two miles of road done in a week, doing little patches here and there, deadheading a piece of equipment 14 to 15 miles. They shouldn't be driving over roads with the blade up to get somewhere else."



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Slim Reece addressed the board stating “when I worked for the county we graded 10 miles of road a day, that was what was expected. Why can’t they do the same today? Last week a blade sat on Buckley Road. It took a week to patch Buckley Road to Andrews Road. There are grader tracks around washouts that washed out two weeks ago. They need to fix the problems, not drive around them. White River Road from Corkscrew to Andrews hasn’t been touched since January. Some roads need graded twice a month, some every two months. There has got to be a more efficient way than what is happening now. Dave Saults took his time and did a decent job in the time he spent. You guys have got to drive the roads”. Reece asked how many road employees there are and was told there are 10 including Gordon.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted a financial report to the board and updated them on recent activities. All distress warrants have been taken care of.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on 4-H camp and the upcoming horse camp at Fort Robinson. Chairman Skavdahl advised Nixon that there had been complaints regarding a pet in the courthouse. Nixon stated that she would solve the problem.

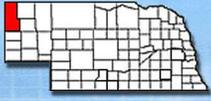
Monte Hamaker met with the board stating “what’s the plan with the roads? It has been two weeks since the country washed. One week ago there were two guys digging out an autogate when they should have been in a patrol doing something. Yesterday the patrol drove around wash outs. It is faster to grade the whole road than to patch. In the draw south of my house where Gordon got stuck, there was a payloader sitting there to pull it out and he didn’t fix the road. Planning would be a good thing instead of deadheading stuff back and forth. Leadership skills are a big problem, they need to scatter people out. The blade sat for five days, while needing to get something done. They need to keep people scattered out and working while the moisture is there. When you don’t see stuff getting done, it makes taxpayers wonder why we are paying taxes. Before we had a road foreman, the roads were a lot better. The guys knew their job. Leadership needs to change.” Skavdahl stated that we had a lot different road employee than we do now. Hamaker asked about contractors. Skavdahl stated that it would cost too much, Hamaker stated “it’s hard to look at what it used to be compared to what it is now.”

Road Superintendent Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge project. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to give Gary authority to sign the updated agreement form. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the armor coating for Liberty and Henry Roads. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to armor coat the south five miles of Henry Road at the bid cost of 2.025 cents per square yard. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Bob Painter addressed the board regarding a culvert on Hanley Road. Mr. Painter stated that the culvert is too short, and the road is like an hourglass over it with only room for one vehicle to cross there. He has called and said that warning signs need to be put out at the very least. Ideally a new bigger culvert would be best. It has washed out at least twice, and the stake with a red ribbon is not very impressive.

The object marker and horizontal curve sign project needs finished. Gary will get with Thorpe Thompson to see if he can finish the project.



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Upon a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J. W. Geiser, the meeting adjourned from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a lunch recess.

Don Freyda, USDA, APHIS gave an update of wildlife management over the past year. He has requested \$21,004.98 for his services for 2018-2019. The board asked Don to request Tim Veenendaal, NE State Director of US Department of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service come to the July meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 2, 2018.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk