

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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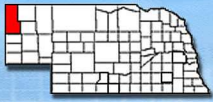
Harrison, Nebraska

January 2, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 2, 2019 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 December 3 and 17, 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, 34,844.23; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 139.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,274.00/employee share, 1,542.39; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Blue 360 Media, supplies, 71.25; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 374.68; Contryman Associates, P.C., audit, 11,550.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 201.20; Lela Daniels, mileage, 65.40; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; ES & S, elections, 331.78; Fairfield Inn & Suites, room, 219.90; Gall's, LLC, supplies, 182.00; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 380.41; Hampton Inn, rooms, 989.55; Herren's, supplies, 9.68; Lacy Klein, mileage, 366.24; Kreider Insurance, bonds, 668.50; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 16.90; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.53; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,167.36; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 868.17; NE Sheriffs' Association, dues, 115.00; NeoFunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 1,584.06; NEA, repair, 384.57; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 206.93; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 493.77; Quill Corporation, supplies, 90.14; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 91.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,882.48/employee share social security, 1,882.48/county share medicare, 440.24/employee share medicare, 440.24/ withholding, 1,939.17 Security First Bank, box rent, 17.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33/ funding for account, 12,000.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Staples, supplies, 448.98; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; UNL, extension salary, 11,532.60; Viaero Wireless, phone, 126.12; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 183.12.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 27,891.15 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 26.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 229.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,864.92/employee share retirement, 1,243.25; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,280.92; Centurylink, internet, 54.86; Contractor Materials, supplies, 16.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 40.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 5,309.33; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 100.08; GMC of Chadron, repairs, 2,972.05; Herren's, supply, 112.47; Horse Creek Tire, tires, 1,028.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supply, 31.31; Morrill Supply, supplies, 127.34; Motor Fuel Division, gas tax, 59.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 488.01; NE Machinery, repairs, 2,217.76; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 285.36; NEA, electric, 86.54; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 777.01; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,522.01; Powerplan, repairs, 1,429.82; Sandberg Implement, repairs, 306.77; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,511.51/employee share social security, 1,511.51/county share medicare, 353.49/employee share medicare, 353.49/withholding, 883.47; Skeeter's Napa, parts,



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422.92; Squaw Creek Ranch, gravel, 940.00; TDS, garbage, 50.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 245.38; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Village of Morrill, electricity, 107.26; WPCI, drug testing, 100.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, promotions, 2,571.48.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,027.50; Amazon, supplies, 323.51; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 69.36/employee share retirement, 46.24; Bloomers, LLC, supply, 38.95; Bluff's Sanitary Supply, supplies, 27.99; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.27; Crawford Clipper, publications, 5.70; Demco, books, 91.43; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 2.47; NEA, utilities, 209.34; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 71.94; Security First Bank, county share social security, 63.71/employee share social security 63.71/county share medicare, 14.90/employee share medicare 14.90; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.34; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 203.67/employee share retirement, 135.78; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 54.86; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 24.87; NE Weed Control Assn., dues, 125.00; Panhandle Weed Control Assn., dues, 50.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 56.68; Security First Bank, county share social security, 159.16/employee share social security, 159.16/county share medicare, 37.22/employee share medicare, 37.22/withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county, and anticipated January and February expenses.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to require employees to submit claims for reimbursement of their remaining deductibles for each year prior to March 1 of the year following service. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Nick Sanderson submitted his yearly control plan. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Sanderson has received \$6,200 for right of way spraying on forest service land.

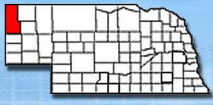
Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities.

Jenny Nixon and Jeanna Boland discussed extension activities with the board.

Motion made by Hal Downer seconded by J. W. Geiser to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2019. Upon roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by J. W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer, the following appointments were adopted for 2019.

Aging Agency of Western Nebraska – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Region 1 Office of Human Development – Rep. Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Development Disabilities Services – Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Mental Health Board – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Public Health District – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer and J. Adam Edmund; Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Northwest Community Action Board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Josh Skavdahl; Region 23 Emergency Management board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development Board – Rep. Josh Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer. PADD – Josh/Hal

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the following Legal Holidays:

New Year's Day– Monday, January 1, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 21, 2018

President's Day – Monday, February 18, 2019

Arbor Day – Friday, April 26, 2019

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2019

Veteran's Day (observed) – Monday, November 11, 2018

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28, 2019

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29, 2019

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 2019

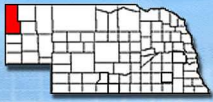
Christmas Day– Wednesday, December 25, 2019

New Year's Day -Wednesday, January 1, 2020

On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Dunn and Terry Gillett met with the board, Gary Thayer and Gordon Mathis with concerns on the Pleasant Ridge Road. Dunn stated that he appreciates the work done on the roads. Roads are going downhill and it comes down to



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money and time. Dunn questioned whether the county could hire independent contractors, and that if we don't start rebuilding roads, we aren't going to have anything. Dunn couldn't get trucks out so he had to put off delivering his cattle. Federal money for help on roads was discussed. The one and six year road plans were discussed. Discussion was held on priority areas. Mathis said he would visit with Kevin and Scott Grote about using gravel on Pleasant Ridge Road. Terry Gillett explained that sandstone was used below the gravel on a portion of the road and it worked really well, it's worth saving. Dunn said that if it is elevated right and native gravel is used, it will hold for a long time. Dunn offered help looking for gravel or whatever needs to be done to help out. Gillett is willing to go out and look at the road with Gordon to show him some issues.

Gary Thayer reported on the sign project. Gordon said that it is about 40% done with the project since he has slowed them down and they are addressing it. The sign project should be done by the next meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk