

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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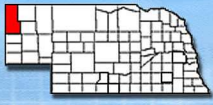
Harrison, Nebraska

February 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 1, 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. Tim Kreider 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 January 2, 2019 meeting. 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, 36,258.80; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,338.37/employee share, 1,586.18; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.48; Crawford Clipper, publications, 157.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Hal Downer, mileage, 316.10; Kreider Insurance, workers comp, insurance, 18,195.00; Lotton Supply, fuel, 26.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 34.11; Midwest Connect, supplies, 270.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,497.12; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.28; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 922.02; NEA, electric, 1,958.08; Panhandle Co. Assessors Association, dues, 75.00; Panhandle County Treasurer's Association, dues, 10.00; Panhandle District Association, dues, 350.00; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 277.55; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 488.40; Quill Corporation, supplies, 239.05; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Roanco Sprinklers, service sprinklers, 65.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 91.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,960.40/employee share social security, 1,960.40/county share medicare, 458.51/employee share medicare, 458.51/ withholding, 2,042.88; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Staples, supplies, 174.39; Joe Stecher, mileage, 81.20; Transfer to Inheritance Fund, repay loan, 34,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 11,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 62,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 201.26; Viaero Wireless, phone, 125.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 335.94; Vistabeam, internet, 127.90; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 241.28.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,948.44; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 564.33; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 229.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,937.31/employee share retirement, 1,291.48; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,280.92; Cody Bruegger, welding, 1,050.00; Centurylink, internet, 54.26; Contractor Materials, supplies, 1,695.00; Dale's Tire, tires, 2,222.52; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 2,262.38; Frank Parts, parts, 63.39; Herren's, supply, 542.96; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 14.02; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Kreider Insurance Agency, workers comp, insurance, 69,675.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 328.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 80.89; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 498.27; NE Machinery, repairs, 4,594.64; NEA, electric, 137.84; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 2,547.89; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,432.93; Powerplan, repairs, 425.89; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,550.33/employee share social security, 1,550.33/county share medicare, 362.58/employee share medicare, 362.58/withholding, 910.95; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 346.66; Steve's Truck & Equipment, repairs, 40.00; Gary Thayer,



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mileage, 467.84; U-Save Mart, fuel, 177.41; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 1,438.01; WPCI, drug testing, 81.50.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Flagship Publishing, tourism ad, 710.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,328.70; Amazon, supplies, 414.03; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 89.69/employee share retirement, 59.79; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.25; Herren's, supplies, 27.48; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 1,497.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 6.78; NEA, utilities, 264.46; Security First Bank, county share social security, 82.38/employee share social security 82.38/county share medicare, 19.27/employee share medicare 19.27; Vernon Library Supplies, Inc., supplies, 126.01; Village of Harrison, utilities, 75.00; Western Library System, workshop, 10.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 209.78/employee share retirement, 139.85; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 54.26; Herren's, supplies, 111.23; Kreider Insurance, worker's comp., insurance, 5,684.00; Lotton's Service, repairs, 284.11; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.66; Quill, supplies, 31.95; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 60.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.77/employee share social security, 164.77/county share medicare, 38.54/employee share medicare, 38.54/ withholding, 150.00.

Tim Kreider introduced Justin Tollman to the board. Justin is working with Tim at Kreider Insurance. Tim reviewed the county's 2019 insurance policy with the board.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Jada Thompson, Contryman Associates auditor was contacted for a phone conference concerning the county audit and current financial status. Thompson advised the board that there will be a note of going concern on the audit again next year. Thompson stated that the road fund expenses are running high, with road employees being about two to three higher than other counties she has compared us to. We need to look at cutting expenses. Thompson would like to see cash improve from last year to this year. Depending on the inheritance fund is not the answer. We need to cut expenses starting this board meeting. Discussion was held on how to pay the bills this month.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county. Klein provided a revised road breakdown to the board, splitting the expenses three ways. The delinquent tax list was also reviewed.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on the weed department.

Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities. A preliminary budget proposal was submitted for review with the addition of another full-time deputy included. Chairman Skavdahl advised McCumbers that things are tight, but it doesn't hurt to work on it early. Discussion was held on purchasing a surplus vehicle.

A road report was given by Gordon Mathis. There has been patching on Andrews Road where water is running across. They are hauling gravel at the top of Pants Butte. The pounder used on the curve signs broke down, so an electric one was purchased.



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Gary Thayer reported on plans for the One and Six Road Plan and the classifications of roads. The bills for the Montrose Bridge project are about ready to be sent out. We should be getting the road base and rip rap from the feds as previously discussed.

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

Chairman Skavdahl was absent from the afternoon meeting.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects stopped to visit with the board regarding updates to the courthouse lighting and other updates to be considered. Berggren will get a proposal to the board before the next meeting.

Mike Kesselring updated the board on recent Sioux County Tourism activities. Geiser moved, seconded by Downer to approve the addition of Sydney Meidell to the Sioux County Travel & Tourism Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Sioux County Travel & Tourism Board membership. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to affirm Jenny Nixon and Mike Kesselring as voting members of the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The 2019 Travel Board meeting dates are January 23, April 24 and October 20, 2019. The Travel and Tourism Board has approved a \$1,000 grant request from the Sioux County Historical Society for improving signage, and a \$500 grant request from the Sioux County Fair and Rodeo. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve those two grant requests. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Kesselring reported that Jean Norman attended the Denver Stock Show and Mike Kesselring will attend the Black Hills Sports Show & Outdoor Expo representing the area. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve giving Jean Norman and Mike Kesselring \$100 per day with a maximum of \$200 to attend these shows. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk