

# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

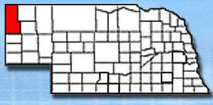
April 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 1, 2019 at 9:10 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 amend the agenda to include approval of Resolution 2019-2. 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 Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the March 1, 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, 34,908.24; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,277.75/employee share, 1,543.80; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.48; Copier Connection, supplies, 63.75; Crawford Clipper, publications, 365.30; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Herren's, supplies, 107.98; David Howell, mileage, 75.40; Steve Johnson, mileage, 58.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 147.64; Lotton Supply, fuel, 69.00; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, meal, 15.61; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.28; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, dues, 450.00; NE Assn. of County Treasurers, workshop, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 874.75; NEA, electric, 2,104.30; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 510.17; Quill Corporation, supplies, 189.50; Redfield Direct, LLC, recording book, 472.16; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 178.92; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,876.66/employee share social security, 1,876.66/county share medicare, 438.92/employee share medicare, 438.92/ withholding, 1,961.85; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 10,508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 50.11; Viaero Wireless, phone, 77.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Vistabeam, internet, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 113.68; 308 Embroidery, sheriff, 20.98.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 29,812.75; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 211.17; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 564.33; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,995.65/employee share retirement, 1,330.38; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,372.74; Centurylink, internet, 53.50; Contractor Materials, supplies, 33.20; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,327.76; David Dunn, plowing snow, 280.00; Frank Parts, parts, 22.99; Herren's, supply, 647.16; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 297.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 196.50; Deb Mack, rent side by side, 600.00; Lora Mathis, document road damage, 432.00; Kurt McWilliams, road work, 615.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 133.90; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 203.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 563.71; NE Machinery, repairs, 81.57; Nebraskaland Tire, supplies, 134.84; NEA, electric, 318.27; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 2,264.63; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 231.08; Powerplan, repairs, 1,286.31; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,616.78/employee share social security, 1,616.78/county share medicare, 378.13/employee share medicare, 378.13/withholding, 1,048.40; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 538.33; U-Save Mart, fuel, 223.65; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Village of Morill, electric, 506.92.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 76.64.



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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,462.60; Amazon, supplies, 253.29; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 98.73/employee share retirement, 65.82; Centurylink, phone/internet, 153.25; Hastings College, book, 48.81; Herren's, supplies, 13.48; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, clean carpet, 241.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 8.70; NEA, utilities, 308.36; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 48.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 90.68/employee share social security 90.68/county share medicare, 21.21/employee share medicare 21.21; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer from Inheritance to General Fund, 32,000.00

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, 53.51; Herren's, supplies, 12.28; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.66; 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.

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.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2019-2 a resolution to borrow \$32,000 from the Inheritance Fund to be paid back on May 1, 2019. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on the weed department. Sanderson advised the board on issues he is watching and those to be discussed at spring training.

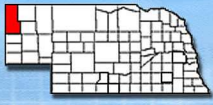
Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities. The goggle presentation will be held April 9 at the schools. Sheriff McCumbers has been working on Greg Taylor's schedule and would like to put him on full time next budget year. Commissioner Skavdahl advised McCumbers that it will need to be discussed during budget discussions.

Jenny Nixon met with the board. Wanda Clyncke would like to be on the extension board, taking Lela Daniels' place. Jenny Dean would also like to extend her appointment for another three years on the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Clyncke and Dean to the Extension Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Nixon stated that flood.unl.edu has a lot of resources available for help after the flood. She also offered help for GPS units for mapping of flood damage. Skavdahl asked Nixon to provide a summary of resources available to the newspaper so people are aware of where those resources are. Nixon advised the board that Jeanna Boland has submitted her resignation. The board approved the hiring of a temporary worker for now.

Road Superintendent Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge project. An itemized bill will be submitted for payment next month.

Road Superintendent Thayer offered to run a blade on weekends to help with storm damaged roads.

Zane Haase, Electrical Engineer for Black Hills Energy and Zachary Hutchison, Project Manager for Probst Electric, and other employees met with the board to discuss the roads affected by the contractors work during the replacement of poles. Communicating issues created on the roads between the workers and the county will be important during the



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project. Maintenance and reseeded will be done to put the roads back to the conditions they were in when the project is finished.

Attorney Edmund advised the board that the Planning Commission met last week on a Wind Energy Regulation to be added to the Sioux County Zoning Resolution. A public hearing is scheduled for April 24 on the matter.

Road Foreman Mathis discussed spring weight restrictions on Toadstool Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to continue the resolution put in place last year. Resolution 2018-1, passed March 1, 2018 places a seasonal 7 ton per axle weight restriction on 15 miles of Toadstool Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Mathis advised the board that he has rented an all-wheel drive maintainer. Two machines were priced and Mathis rented one for \$8,750 per month. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the rental. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Mathis requested advertising for a part-time employee for the road department. The board approved the request.

Stacey Swinney met with the board to discuss the low water crossing on Glendy Road and offered suggestions on how to repair it.

One bid for crushing gravel was opened. Mark Chrisman submitted a bid of \$4.16 per cubic yard at the Burford pit, with mobilization fee of \$3,000.00. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the bid. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on storm damages and federal aid.

Slim Reece met with the board and offered his and other neighbor's help to get the roads put back together. Foreman Mathis said we need to keep track of hours, etc. for federal aid, whether it is paid or volunteer. Slim said all they want is enough to cover their expenses. Commissioner Skavdahl asked Reece to put together a list of resources to draw from, so when we have a meeting with FEMA, we will know. There won't be a lot done until after the FEMA meeting, getting the impassable roads passable, then start working on high traffic roads. Discussion was held on liability insurance and bonding for people other than county employees working on the road damages.

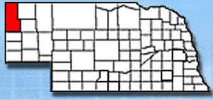
The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Kristina Reeves gave an update on Northwest Nebraska Travel & Tourism. Sioux County lodging tax collected was up 10% from the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Caleb Johnson met with the board to introduce himself and discuss preparing the 2019-2020 Sioux County budget. Johnson will bring a cost estimate to the present to the board at the May meeting.

Jim Bannan advised the board that the pipeline under his road has frozen. Commissioner Geiser will help get the line fixed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2019.



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/s/ Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk