

Sioux County Board Minutes



SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

June 19, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on June 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Joshua Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman and County Attorney Adam Edmund were also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Josh Skavdahl led the meeting in prayer. Members of the public attending the meeting were: LaWanna Reece, Marty and Lois Hanley and David Henderson.

A public hearing was opened to hear public comment regarding amending the 2018-2019 Inheritance Fund budgeted expenditure from the original amount of \$55,004.14 to the amended amount of \$195,054.14. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the amendment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Updates on road conditions were as follows:

Commissioner Downer reported that they are getting repairs done in District 3. Gravel needs to be hauled, so in the next week or so, they will need the gravel trucks and drivers. It was decided that belly dumps and two additional guys will be sent to the third district next week. David Henderson asked about who is in charge. Commissioner Downer provided his phone number to Henderson. Henderson also asked about autogates and culverts. County Attorney explained that the landowner needs to call and coordinate with the road employees to work on autogates.

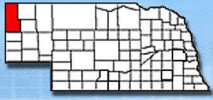
Commissioner Skavdahl said they had been working from south to north in District 2. Dave Saults has gotten everything to the west done. They should be to Belmont and Hanley roads soon. Lois Hanley asked about Pink School House Road. Skavdahl said yes, they are trying to get gravel on it. Next they will be working on the two miles from the highway north on Wheeler Road. Dave Saults will be working on the North end of Andrews Road, Deep Creek, Corkscrew Roads and the east end of White River Road. Lois Hanley inquired about how many graders the county owns. Skavdahl answered 7 plus one rental. Discussion was held on the rental price, and the ability to put the rent toward the purchase price of that blade. Elevating roads before graveling and culverts will be addressed as well.

Commissioner Geiser stated that they are trying to get over everything the first time, then will go back to some problem areas. Next week, Hat Creek Road will be addressed. They have been working on Cottonwood Road, and have it mostly taken care of. Whitey McWilliams has been helping as needed.

Discussion was held on hiring temporary seasonal people who can work on a part time basis to mow road ditches or drive a truck if needed. The board discussed advertising for a list of names of people who would be willing to do that. They would be paid an hourly wage and be paid by the hour using their own equipment.

Purchase of a new blade was discussed. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to advertise specifications for a blade. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to award the armor coating project on 4.2 miles of Henry Road to Topkote. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a request from Dan Franks to carry over vacation time. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavahl, yes. Motion carried.

LaWanna Reece stated that she would be willing to help with mowing, driving a tractor, etc. as needed.

Commissioner Geiser discussed a Hazard Mitigation Grant for a backup generator for the fire station. It is a 25% local match, which is currently \$6,134.53 provided from Sioux County, to be reimbursed by the fire department. The generator would be a power source for radios, etc. at the emergency operations center. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the grant request. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on letting bids for gravel hauling rates. The county would require submitters to have liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for rates for hauling of gravel in Sioux County. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff McCumbers advised the board that he has found a grant through the Department of Justice to hire an additional person for three years. His primary budget concern is funding the additional person.

Advertising for a road foreman will not be done at this time.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk