



Sioux County Board Minutes



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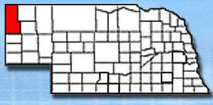
Harrison, Nebraska

July 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2019 at 9:12 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. JW Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to amend the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting to include an amendment of the 2018-2019 Sioux County budget on the revenue side for transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the revenues in the Inheritance Fund to include \$142,050.00 that was transferred to the General Fund, but paid back. 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, 37,043.98; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,315.89/employee share, 1,569.87; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.49; Crawford Clipper, publications, 220.10; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; DeLage Landen Public Finance, sheriff vehicle lease, 6,221.71; Embassy Suites, room, 238.00; JW Geiser, mileage, 548.68; Hampton Inn, room, 294.00; Holiday Inn, rooms, 1,069.50; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 41.50; David Howell, mileage, 58.00; Jon Worthman Law Office, court appointed counsel, 449.60; Lacy Klein, mileage, 764.44; Lotton's Supply, fuel, 50.00; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, fuel, 61.65; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.54; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,161.96; NE Secretary of State, election supplies, 10.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 920.32; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 985.51; Reganis Auto Center, repairs, 275.64; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; RR Donnelley, supplies, 116.37; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 291.30; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,008.09/employee share social security, 2,008.09/county share medicare, 469.66/employee share medicare, 469.66/ withholding, 2,027.31; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Stephens-Peck, Inc., subscription, 90.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 1,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 25,000.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 78.10; Village of Harrison, utilities, 423.94; Vistabeam, 127.90; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 1,352.44/meals, 64.69.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 27,229.63; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,752.47/employee share retirement, 1,168.26; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; B & C Steel, supplies, 705.54; Centurylink, internet, 55.17; Crawford Clipper, notice, 37.42; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,912.50; Frank Parts, parts, 561.23; Dan Franks, CDL reimbursement, 100.00; JW Geiser, mileage, 80.04; Herren's, supply, 361.52; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Little Park Ranches, LLP, gravel, 9,129.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 107.90; Morrill supply, supplies, 38.34; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 205.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 479.49; NE Machinery, repairs, blade rental, 13,432.18; NEA, electric, 169.24; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,164.01; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,401.02; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,456.90/employee share social security, 1,456.90/county share medicare, 340.71/employee share medicare, 340.71/withholding, 871.52; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 264.98; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00;



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Thayer Construction, LLC, road work, 1,450.00; Tip Top Tree Service, tree trimming, 225.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 274.03; Village of Harrison, utility, 93.70; Village of Morrill, electric, 106.08.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism ad, 11.25; Chadrad Communications, tourism ad, 500.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,254.03; Amazon, supplies, 334.94; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 84.65/employee share retirement, 56.43; Stu Campbell, book, 30.32; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.95; Crawford Clipper, notice, 5.70; Herren's, supplies, 32.96; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; Kapco, supplies, 61.94; Mid America Books, books, 285.43; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.71; NEA, utilities, 185.40; Sarah Sanderson, books, 26.07; Security First Bank, county share social security, 77.75/employee share social security 77.75/county share medicare, 18.18/employee share medicare 18.18/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,643.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 313.46/employee share retirement, 208.97; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 55.18; Crawford Clipper, publications, 94.50; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,781.60; Herren Brothers, supplies, 137.35; Lotton's Service, fuel, 941.61; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 59.63; Office Depot, supplies, 126.55; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 62.64; Security First Bank, county share social security, 259.97/employee share social security, 259.97/county share medicare, 60.80/employee share medicare, 60.80/withholding, 230.02.

Jon Scott and Gordon Mathis met with the board. Commissioner Downer, seconded by Commissioner Geiser moved to enter Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Geiser, seconded by Commissioner Downer moved to enter regular session with no action taken during Executive Session. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports and the Assessor's Three Year Plan of Assessment. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Zimmerman advised the board that no property protests had been filed.

Dennelle Fischer provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county.

Nick Sanderson met with the board and gave an update of spraying in the county. Discussion was held on open range areas.

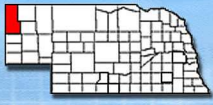
Sheriff McCumbers submitted monthly fees and updated the board on recent and upcoming activities.

Jenny Nixon updated the board. Fair planning is underway.

Correspondence was read.

Commissioner Geiser noted that he has calculated ending balances for the General, Road, Library and Weed Funds. Those ending balances are \$208,329 more than balances at the end of last fiscal year.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to ratify the continued rental of a blade from NE Machinery. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Limits on overtime and compensatory time in the road department was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch from 12:15 to 1:00.

A public hearing was called to order at 1:20 by Chairman Skavdahl. Deputy Attorney Skavdahl went over the changes he had made to the Sioux County Zoning regulation concerning wind energy. The revised version of the regulation includes requirement of the applicant for a wind energy conversion system provide the county with a decommissioning plan, cost estimates and bond for decommissioning every five years. Prior to the issuance of a conditional use permit, the applicant and the land owner shall sign a "Consent to Removal" stating that, should either party fail to remove the Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System, then the county shall have the right to do so itself and receive the funds payable from any bond or other financial assurance in place guaranteeing performance. If any cost to remove remains, the county will have the ability to cause a special assessment to be made against the real estate of the landowner upon which the commercial WECS is built until the county is made whole. The applicant shall be under a continuing obligation to provide proof of renewal of all bonds guarantees and liability insurance policies at least ninety days prior to the date of their lapse. Upon any violation of the zoning regulation, the Zoning Administrator may notify the applicant and allow some time for the applicant to correct the violation. If the violation continues, then the conditional use permit may be revoked and would require the applicant to remove the WECS in the same manner as required under Section 14.05 (6). In no event shall the decommissioning be completed more than 180 days after the date of the final notice issued under that section. Discussion regarding the regulations was held. The public hearing was closed at 2:10 p.m.

The Sioux County Commissioner meeting was convened back to regular session at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Skavdahl.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the regulation revision. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve allowing the zoning administrator to issue standard building permits if it meets all applicable requirements of the Zoning Regulations. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Hicks, State Environmental Engineer, NRCS met with the board to advise them of money available for mitigation on roads. Discussion was held on the areas that would qualify for funding. The commissioners are to get a list of roads that they would like to have mitigated.

Discussion was held on federal aid work that needs to be done.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk