

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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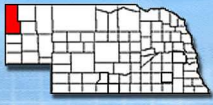
Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 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. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by seconded by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the July 1, 16 and 17, 2019 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, 36,893.93; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,327.68/employee share, 1,577.95; Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 2020 assessment, 728.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 76.56; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 190.47; Copier Connection, service contract, 398.15; Crawford Clipper, publications, 384.05; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Hal Downer, mileage, 336.40; Herren's, supplies, 71.09; Linda Kesselring, postage, 1.90; Lacy Klein, mileage, 81.20; Manna, computer repairs, 1,599.79; Chad McCumbers, uniform, 157.47; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,253.39; Mobius Communications, phone, 226.72; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 931.81; NEA, electric, 486.30; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 52.78/supplies, 22.23; Panhandle Area Development District, 2019/2020 assessment, 821.60; Quill Corporation, supplies, 571.63; Ramada Inn, rooms, 285.00; Region I Office of Human Development, services, 1,642.50; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 143.42; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,998.79/employee share social security, 1,998.79/county share medicare, 467.48/employee share medicare, 467.48/ withholding, 2,046.89; Sioux County Court, court costs, 34.00; Sioux County Historical Society, museum support, 2,000.00; 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, 676.91; The Gun Shop, ammunition, 94.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 16,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 45,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 20.08; USDA, Aphis, predator control contract, 5,899.46; Viaero Wireless, phone, 126.57; Village of Harrison, utilities, 469.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 81.20/supplies 11.85.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 26,760.55; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,708.15/employee share retirement, 1,138.71; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 56.33; Crawford Clipper, notice, 40.72; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,237.38; Frank Parts, parts, 64.97; Eli Garza, hauling gravel, 24,090.00; Herren's, supply, 69.15; Hillbilly Industries, LLC, hauling gravel, 2,180.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 916.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 38.70; M & R Restoration, repairs, 203.56; Morrill supply, supplies, 44.33; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 427.01; NE Machinery, repairs, blade rental, 11,645.94; NEA, electric, 130.97; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,810.85; Powerplan, repairs, 486.50; Rudloff Trucking, hauling gravel, 15,990.00; Running Water Gravel, hauling gravel, 1,920.00/equipment use, 1,475.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,427.80/employee share social security, 1,427.80/county share medicare, 333.92/employee share medicare, 333.92/withholding, 757.99; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 254.90; Steve's Truck, repairs, 200.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 50.00; Thayer



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Construction, LLC, equipment rental, 2,660.00/ gravel, 320.00; Gary Thayer, bales for mulch, 150.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 571.45; Village of Harrison, utility, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 86.68.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, promotions, 2,211.23; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 74.24.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,341.58; Amazon, supplies, 355.70; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 90.56/employee share retirement, 60.37; Centurylink, phone/internet, 154.58; Crawford Clipper, notice, 91.00; Herren's, supplies, 34.93; Mid America Books, books, 104.76; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.97; NEA, utilities, 153.60; NEA, building repair, 1,097.95; Sarah Sanderson, books, 33.02; Security First Bank, county share social security, 83.18/employee share social security 83.18/county share medicare, 19.45/employee share medicare 19.45/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 65.00.

SIOUX COUNTY ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 223,615.00.

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, 56.34; Heritage Seed, chemical, 911.45; Herren Brothers, supplies, 122.11; Lotton's Service, fuel, 862.35; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 59.63; 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; Simplot, chemical, 6,982.43.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Tim Kreider explained the additional worker's compensation billing.

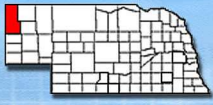
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. 77-3443, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners received preliminary property tax requests from the following political subdivisions: Village of Harrison, Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, Sioux County Fair, and Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl yes.

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has the duty of reviewing and either approving or disapproving the levy request of all political subdivisions allowed to levy a tax for tax year 2019-2020 under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Village of Harrison Nebraska, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2019-2020 of \$46,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. Requesting a preliminary tax request for the year 2019-2020 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2019-2020;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2019-2020 of \$59,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,180.00 for a total of \$60,180.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2019-2020;



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WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sioux County Fair requesting a preliminary tax request of \$28,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$560.00 for a total of \$28,560.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2019-2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the requested tax requests submitted by the foregoing political subdivisions under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443(8) providing the County with the responsibility of allocating up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority under subsection (1) of 77-3443 and not specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property.

A budget workshop was scheduled for August 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The budget hearing date was set for September 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Contryman Associates, PC. To perform the county audit for 2019. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read, no action taken.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer submitted a treasurer's report to the board. Klein has talked to Mobius regarding the telephones in the courthouse.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on recent activities. Sanderson requested a .50 raise for Noel Santistevan. Sanderson was advised to add it into his budget.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a monthly fee summary he also updated them on recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers discussed what it might take to fix up the old jail building.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the John Deere grader and the mowing tractor. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Big Iron will come take pictures of the equipment to auction.

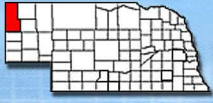
Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Watershed Protection Program with the board. He will proceed with finding an engineer to look at those mitigation projects.

Fuller Construction has advised Superintendent Thayer that it might be November before they can get to the low water crossing project on Glendy Road. Thayer will discuss the timeframe further with Fuller.

Larry Burbach, Nebraska Machinery presented financial paperwork for the purchase of the CAT 140M motor grader. There will be two annual payments due, beginning next year at this time of \$71,251.00. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the financial agreement with Caterpillar. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiser has been looking into renting a mowing tractor.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer, Sue Willey and Gordon Mathis gave an update on the FEMA paperwork. Sue said it is getting pretty well lined out. Thayer stated that we need to have FEMA come out as projects get done and get them



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approved. Commissioner Geiser has provided Bill Mack and Bobby Reece with maps showing site numbers of what needs done and where. Sue stated that if all the guys had a copy of the list and site numbers they can take those with them in the blade and note them on their time sheets. FEMA has requested a maintenance policy and equipment costs provided to them. Commissioner Skavdahl stated that we need one person in charge of the legwork for FEMA. He asked Mathis to be that person, requiring approximately 10-15 hours per week. Mathis commented that the work needs to be done right and should be done in 6-7 months. We might not have a final inspection for a year or more.

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

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to pursue installation of stop signs on the intersections of S-B and S-5 Road and S-B and S-2 Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Mathis asked for clarification of overtime and due date for filing his time sheet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 3, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk