

Sioux County Board Minutes



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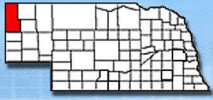
Harrison, Nebraska

January 2, 2020

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 2, 2020 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. J.W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. 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 December 2, 2019 meeting. On roll call vote Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 37,855.65; Adam's Lock & Key, remote, 70.00; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,534.77/employee share, 1,725.05; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 224.02; Cozad Signs, decals, 250.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 153.70; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court-appointed attorney, 1,368.81; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Fairfield Inn & Suites, rooms, 1,439.60; Shauna Gortsema, witness fees, 57.12; Hampton Inn, room, 439.80; Herren Brothers, supplies, 15.27; Lacy Klein, mileage, 389.76; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, radio repair, 34.91/ tires, 582.96/ supplies, 62.74/ fuel, 26.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,212.04; Mobius Communications, phone, 229.83; MOCIC, sheriff membership, 100.00; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,161.96; National Association of Counties, dues, 450.00; NE Clerks of District Court, Assn., dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,001.44; NEA, electricity, 1,525.43; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 124.12/meals, 50.00; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, Charger updates, 2,270.34; Nossaman Pettit Law Firm, P.C., court-appointed attorney, 269.25; Outlaw Printers, printing, 54.99; Panhandle Research & Ext., state car, ext., 44.74; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 350.52; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,058.42/employee share social security, 2,058.42/county share medicare 481.44/employee share medicare, 481.44/ withholding, 2,230.91; Sioux County Court, fees, 134.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Sioux County Treasurer, title sheriff vehicle, 10.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.97/ postage, 6.85/ filing fee, 50.00/ witness fees, 719.10; TGS Manufacturing, supplies, 257.00; Shelly Thomas, witness fees, 136.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 30,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 86.09; Viaero Wireless, phone, 78.38; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Village of Harrison, swimming pool, 1,000.00; Vistabeam, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 437.90/ meals, 18.31.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 26,915.90; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,775.33/employee share retirement, 1,183.51; B & C Steel, supplies, 301.03; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 59.73; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel & oil, 3,389.47; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 9,420.90; Frank Parts, parts, 115.93; Herren's, supply, 706.09; Herren's – Crawford, supplies, 27.97; Ideal Linen, rugs, 33.95; Colleen Mitchell, gravel, 702.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies 27.98; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 213.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 464.00; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 262.35; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 3,054.14; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 3,226.09; NEA, electric, 171.78; Panhandle Coop System, supplies, 2,060.24; Powerplan, repairs, 2,027.39; Red Barn Shop, LLC, pipe, 15.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,389.74; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,437.43/employee



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share social security, 1,437.43/county share medicare, 336.18/employee share medicare, 336.18/withholding, 818.57; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 216.65; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 401.29; Village of Harrison, utility, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 109.56; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 320.63; WPCI, drug testing, 75.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Omaha Magazine, advertisement, 515.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,384.24; Amazon, supplies, 413.59; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 93.44/employee share retirement, 62.29; Book Systems, Inc., subscription, 1,190.00; Centurylink, phone/internet, 148.38; Herren's supplies, 9.49; Junior Library Guild, books, 316.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.58; NEA, electricity, 219.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 85.82/employee share social security 85.82/county share medicare, 20.07/employee share medicare 20.07/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,107.86; 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, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 59.73; Herren Brothers, supplies, 30.56; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.64; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 139.20; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.74/employee share social security, 164.74/county share medicare, 38.53/employee share medicare, 38.53/ withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Motion made by Hal Downer seconded by J. W. Geiser to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2020. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2020. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2020. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

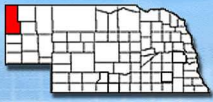
Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2020. Upon roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer, the following appointments were adopted for 2020.

Aging Agency of Western Nebraska – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Region 1 Office of Human Development – Rep. Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Development Disabilities Services – Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Mental Health Board – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Public Health District – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer and J. Adam Edmund; Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Northwest Community Action Board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Josh Skavdahl; Region 23 Emergency Management board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development Board – Rep. Josh Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer. PADD – Rep. Josh Skavdahl, alternate Hal Downer.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the following Legal Holidays:

New Year's Day– Wednesday, January 1, 2020



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Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 20, 2020

President's Day – Monday, February 17, 2020

Arbor Day – Friday, April 24, 2020

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2020

Independence Day – Friday, July 3, 2020 (observed)

Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2020

Veteran's Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26, 2020

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27, 2020

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2020

New Year's Day -Friday, January 1, 2010

And all days declared by law or proclamation of the Governor to be a holiday according to Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1001 (3), "For purposes of this Section, paid holidays shall include all of the days enumerated in Section 25-2221 and all days declared by law or proclamation of the President or Governor to be holidays." Exceptions may include law enforcement, security, military and employees engaged in other essential functions, such as 24-hour facilities.

On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2020. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

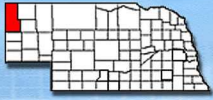
Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer provided the board with financial reports for the road department.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities. An agreement has been reached with the Village of Harrison for the provision of police services to be provided by the Sheriff of Sioux County on an hourly basis. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the contract. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Concerns regarding drones being flown in the county was discussed.

Nick Sanderson submitted his yearly control plan for review by the board. Discussion was held regarding liquid salt for spraying the county's asphalt roads. Sanderson said he would be able to spray, using his weed spraying equipment.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on 4-H activities. Laura Button will be working in the office 15-16 hours per week. Two interns will be working on 4-H activities this summer. An enrollment party for 4-H will be February 14.

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



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Don Brush met with the board regarding the election of the county surveyor. 2014 legislation requires the election of county surveyors in all counties under 150,000 unless certain actions are taken. Sioux County currently has an elected surveyor, so the board, following a public hearing, may adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor. The resolution must be adopted prior to February 1, 2020. A public hearing will be held on January 21, 2020 for public comment.

Brush also discussed surveying in an area along Hwy 71 to Box Butte County. Brush would like to reestablish some corners in that area. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to allow Brush to proceed with the surveying at a cost of approximately \$5,000 per year.

Val Jansante, Community Liaison for Adrian Smith met with the board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 3, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk