

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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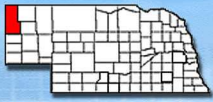
Harrison, Nebraska

February 3, 2020

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer. J.W. Geiser joined the meeting at 10:06. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the January 2 and 21, 2020 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 40,232.63; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,591.76/employee share, 1,763.33; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Blue 360 Media, supplies, 76.75; Donald Brush, survey fee, 2,982.75; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 78.20; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 222.01; Chadrad Communications, ads, 220.00; Contryman Associates, P.C., audit, 11,350.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, et al, court appointed attorney, 50.00; Randy Ellis, labor, 40.00; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies, 195.08; Herren Brothers, supplies, 25.50; Lacy Klein, mileage, 80.50; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 18,200.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, repair, 257.46; Midwest Connect, postage, 270.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,328.78; Mobius Communications, phone service and upgrades, 1,357.38; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registration, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,046.85; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 2,023.55; JoElla Norman, mileage, 216.20; Nossaman Pettitt Law Firm, PC, court appointed attorney, 61.50; Panhandle Co. Assessor's Association, dues, 75.00; Panhandle Co. Treasurer's Association, dues, 20.00; Panhandle District County Officials Association, dues, 350.00; Platte Valley Communications, radio repair, 89.69; Quill Corporation, supplies, 244.22; Redfield Direct, deed books, 298.25; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,188.18; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 111.87; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, housing, 960.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,205.79/employee share social security, 2,205.79/county share medicare 515.90/employee share medicare, 515.90/ withholding, 2,311.48; Britannia Shifflett, witness fee, 99.46; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.97/ law manual, 76.75, condemnation, 5,700.00; Staples, supplies, 134.92; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 60,000.00; UNL, Lincoln, extension salary, 1,336.87; UNL, Lincoln, training, 150.00; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 7,890.34; Viaero Wireless, phone, 125.91; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 379.50.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,188.55; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 303.16; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,764.03/employee share retirement, 1,176.00; B & C Steel, supplies, 267.02; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Cody Bruegger, welding, 6,225.00; Centurylink, internet, 56.88; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 289.04; Frank Parts, parts, 407.07; Herren's, supply, 2,224.28; Herren's – Crawford, supplies, 19.99; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 111.25; Ideal Linen, rugs, 93.95; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 64,222.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 46.35; Kelly Mansfield, hauling rock, 1,144.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 151.59; Mobius Communications, phone upgrade, 122.33; Morrill Supply, supplies, 25.33; NE Dept. of



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Revenue, employee withholding, 477.79; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 386.55; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 5,800.75; NEA, electric, 202.31; Panhandle Coop System, supplies, 2,055.55; Powerplan, repairs, 2,420.08; R & C Welding, repairs, 487.86; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 6,809.52; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,525.82/employee share social security, 1,525.82/county share medicare, 356.86/employee share medicare, 356.86/withholding, 882.37; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 457.21; Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 460.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 844.27; Village of Harrison, utility, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 128.89; West Nebraska Seed & Chemical, LLC, shop supply, 30.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Katie Reece, advertisements, 190.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,647.11; Amazon, supplies, 408.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 111.18/employee share retirement, 74.12; Centurylink, phone/internet, 155.224; Herren's supplies, 20.06; Kreider insurance Agency, insurance, 1,603.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 53.72; NEA, electricity, 312.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 102.12/employee share social security 102.12/county share medicare, 23.88/employee share medicare 23.88/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00; Western Library System, workshop, 12.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,301.10; AgSpray Equipment, equipment, 143.84; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 216.07/employee share retirement, 144.05; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 56.88; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 4,863.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.51; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 57.50; Security First Bank, county share social security, 170.52/employee share social security, 170.52/county share medicare, 39.88/employee share medicare, 39.88/withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

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

Nick Sanderson updated the board on using spraying equipment on the county roads and weed spraying on forest service lands.

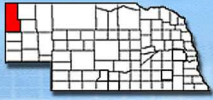
Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities. McCumbers advised the board that The Sheriff's Association will be writing a letter in opposition of LB1165, a bill to eliminate the Nebraska Brand Committee, the association is trying to get all county sheriffs to sign the letter. The "Red Flag Bill" was also discussed.

Tim Kreider and Justin Tollman met with the board to review the county's 2020 insurance. The county's workers compensation experience rating has decreased this year, with an overall decrease in premium of \$8,500. Tollman has been researching a short-term liability policy for contractors.

Chase Staudenmaier addressed the board, stating that he appreciates the work that Brad Thayer has been doing on the roads in the northern part of the county and would like to see him stay on full-time if possible.

Laura Button advised the board that the 4-H kids are recruiting other kids for 4-H. The Nebraska Extension Annual Report for 2019 was submitted to the board. A copy is on file in the Sioux County Clerk's office.

A conference call was held with Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects and Dan Schinstock, engineer for the courthouse lighting project. A walk-through was scheduled with Berggren and the commissioners on February 26.



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Road Superintendent Gary Thayer and Philip Hines, FEMA representative updated the board on FEMA work being done.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Watershed Protection Program and putting the projects out for bid.

An application for Road Superintendent was received.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to let bids for crushing 10,000 yards of gravel at the Schneider pit. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Sue Willey asked the board for clarification on overtime. She asked that the road employees note on their time sheet who is approving the overtime. All overtime needs to be preapproved by the commissioner requesting it.

The Financial Statement for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019 was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the audit. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a lease with Modern Farm Equipment for a mower tractor. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 2, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk