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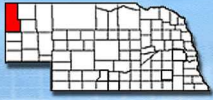
Harrison, Nebraska

March 2, 2020

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 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. Michelle Zimmerman 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 approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 37,620.47; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,320.98/employee share, 1,572.30; Berggren Architects, lighting project, 9,437.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 221.63; Connecting Point, supplies, 23.95; Crawford Clipper, notices, 544.24; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court appointed attorney, 3,362.37; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Government Forms & Supplies, supply, 30.80; Herren Brothers, supplies, 18.99; Lacy Klein, mileage, 80.50/supplies, 105.49; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 176.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, repair, 83.61; Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, LLC, handbook, 371.95; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 243.66; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,290.74; Mobius Communications, phone service, 225.50; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Clerks of District Court Assn., dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 982.97; NEA, electricity, 1,952.47; Jenny Nixon, mileage, 572.13/meals, 47.19; Nossaman Pettitt Law Firm, PC, court appointed attorney, 696.25; Print Express, supplies, 324.35; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 755.54; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 320.06; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,043.84/employee share social security, 2,043.84/county share medicare 478.01/employee share medicare, 478.01/ withholding, 2,203.43; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 20.97; Staples, supplies, 229.98; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; UNL, Lincoln, fuel, 29.11; UNL Lincoln, leather workshop, 50.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 125.80; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 250.70.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 29,828.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 303.16; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,814.75/employee share retirement, 1,209.80; B & C Steel, supplies, 514.80; Bauerkempers, supplies, 57.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 56.53; Coe Engineering, fees, 1,000.00; Dan's Welding & Repairs, repairs, 1,000.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, supplies, 3,840.47; Frank Parts, parts, 163.42; Dan Franks, supplies, 172.78; Herren's, supply, 510.86; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 100.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 33.95; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 460.97; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 123.05; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 65.04; Morrill Supply, supplies, 196.87; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 557.32; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 419.85; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 3,601.55; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 4,440.70; NEA, electric, 180.05; Panhandle Coop System, supplies, 2,699.51; Powerplan, repairs, 1,052.74; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,275.19; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,627.50/employee share social security, 1,627.50/county share medicare, 380.63/employee share medicare, 380.63/withholding, 1,071.08; Skeeter's Napa,



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parts, 300.51; Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 100.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 622.27; Village of Harrison, utility, 90.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 124.70; WPCI, testing, 75.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, notice, 9.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,420.84; Amazon, supplies, 435.30; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 95.91/employee share retirement, 63.94; Centurylink, phone/internet, 147.05; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.10; NEA, electricity, 299.88; Quill Corporation, supplies, 148.26; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 47.73; Security First Bank, county share social security, 88.09/employee share social security 88.09/county share medicare, 20.60/employee share medicare 20.60/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,301.10; AgSpray Equipment, equipment, 38.14; 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, 56.53; Herren Brothers, supplies, 83.86; NE Weed Control Association, training, 240.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.51; Nick Sanderson, supply, 126.59; 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 and an updated tax sale list. Klein and Sheriff McCumbers discussed hiring one full-time employee to split between the Treasurer and Sheriff offices.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on using spraying equipment on the county roads.

Jenny Nixon gave an update on shooting sports, robotics and an animal science workshop that the kids have been participating in. A pesticide training will be held on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Dennelle Fischer and Nick Sanderson to the Sioux County Extension Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

An application for Road Superintendent was received and reviewed.

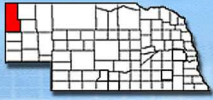
Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept Jon Scott's letter of resignation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to allow Bill Mack to carry over 35 hours of vacation. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Sand Creek Road and FEMA projects with the board.

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

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Road Superintendent Thayer advised that part of the Edgemont Road project and Henry Oil Road asphalt projects were completed last year. The Morrill Road and Edgemont Roads will be back on the One Year Plan for this year. Due to the flooding last year,



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some projects will be completed through FEMA and the NRD watershed program on the One Year Plan. Those roads are Hat Creek, Sand Creek, Sowbelly and Wheeler Roads. Dorothy, David and Shelly Henderson discussed the Henderson Road and it was moved to the One Year Plan as well. The Six Year Plan will be the remainder of Cut Across, Wheeler, Watson and Franklin Roads. Other roads will be on the County Road Improvement List. This list will be for roads that don't require a major project.

The board reconvened into regular session.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Sioux County One and Six Year Road Plan. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Tim Buskirk gave an update on Forest Service Lands. They have authorized a 10% increase in AUMs for grazing this year. Hudson Meng is now on recreation.gov and tours can be scheduled online. Prairie dogs are being treated on the grasslands. They are working with Nick Sanderson on an agreement to have weeds treated on grasslands. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has submitted a proposal to purchase 400 acres of the Witcher Ranch.

Michael Kurnik, Project Development Manager for Orion, Renewable Energy Group met with the board with an update on the wind energy project in Sioux County. There are 66,000 contiguous acres assigned to the project, with 24 agreements with landowners being signed so far.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk