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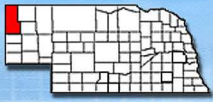
Harrison, Nebraska

August 3, 2020

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 3, 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 Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the July 1 and 21, 2020 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 36,852.66; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,375.89/employee share, 1,610.46; Aging Office of Western NE, 2021 assessment, 728.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 224.98; Charlie's Garage, repairs, 438.95; Connecting Point, copier supplies, 205.02; Copier Connection, Inc., supplies, 604.48; Crawford Clipper, publications, 377.59; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Audrey M. Elliott, court-appointed attorney, 350.00; Herren's, supplies, 5.94; Lacy Klein, mileage, 80.50; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 570.02; Chad McCumbers, shipping, 42.35; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,248.72; Mobius Communications, phone service, 227.46; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, workshop fee, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue-compliance division, garnishment, 216.89; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 949.52; NEA, electricity, 432.45; Jenny Nixon, equipment, 159.95; Nossaman Petitt Law Firm, PC, court appointed attorney, 357.04; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter, 840.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 501.26; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel 449.62; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 171.06; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,996.23/employee share social security, 1,996.23/county share medicare 466.88/employee share medicare, 466.88/ withholding, 2084.90; Sioux County Clerk, map, 36.75; Sioux County Court, fees, 180.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 2,652.72; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.15; Staples, supplies, 448.96; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 48.00; UNL, supplies, 30.00; USDA-APHIS, predator control, 970.96; Viaero Wireless, phone, 121.97; Village of Harrison, utilities, 617.84; Vistabeam, 68.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 112.70/supplies, 213.43.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 32,604.31; Action Communications, phone, 70.88; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 235.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,182.06/employee share retirement, 1,454.67; AVI Engineering, professional services, 7,441.00; Bauerkempers, repairs, 225.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,475.24; Centurylink, internet, 60.59; Crawford Clipper, ad, 79.39; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, supplies, 4,125.60; Herren's, supply, 183.59; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 89.52; Ideal Linen, rugs, 33.95; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 228.75; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 642.06; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 695.10; Morrill Supply, supplies, 2.75; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 702.13; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 8,811.88; NEA, electric, 61.22; Occupational Heal Centers of NE, testing, 47.50; Powerplan, repairs, 1,574.46; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 4,423.24; RW Rising & Family Trucking, LLC, hauling, 1,253.50; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,817.24/employee share social security, 1,817.24/county share medicare, 425.02/employee share



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medicare, 425.02/withholding, 1,326.64; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 158.34; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 179.81; Village of Harrison, utility, 98.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 152.26; WPCI, drug testing, 35.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, ads, 9.60; Discover Northwest Nebraska, services, 975.28.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, services, 975.27.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,284.42; Amazon, supplies, 216.36; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 86.70/employee share retirement, 57.80; Centurylink, phone/internet, 148.88; Crawford Clipper, ad, 6.12; Herren's, supplies, 8.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.15; NEA, electricity, 83.64; Quill Corporation, supplies, 220.06; Security First Bank, county share social security, 79.63/employee share social security 79.63/county share medicare, 18.62/employee share medicare 18.62/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 101.00.

SIOUX CO US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 230,759.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,801.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 324.07/employee share retirement, 216.05; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 60.60; Crawford Clipper, ad, 100.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,652.60; Herren Brothers, supplies, 132.97; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 141.92; Lotton's, fuel, 420.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 64.47; Security First Bank, county share social security, 269.72/employee share social security, 269.72/county share medicare, 63.08/employee share medicare, 63.08/withholding, 235.90.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

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.

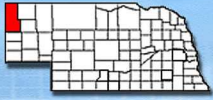
WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has the duty of reviewing and either approving or disapproving the levy request of all political subdivisions allowed to levy a tax for tax year 2020-2021 under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443;

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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2020-2021;

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 2020-2021 of \$61,700.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,234.00 for a total of \$62,934.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2020-2021;

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 \$35,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$700.00 for a total of \$35,700.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2020-2021.



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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.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to hold the 2020-2021 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his monthly fee report and updated the board on recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers advised the board that he has hired Garrett Naillon as patrol deputy. He will begin on August 17, and will be classified as a law enforcement trainee for now.

Jenny Nixon reported on fair activities. Commissioner Skavdahl requested a newsletter be sent to producers outlining alternative feed/protein sources due to the drought. Nixon will get the information sent out.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer and Road Foreman/Asst. Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board. Landowner agreements for the watershed protection programs are being gathered. An update on the FEMA projects left to complete was given by Phipps.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:10 to 1:00.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 1, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk