

Sioux County Board Minutes



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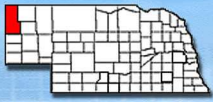
Harrison, Nebraska

November 2, 2020

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 2, 2020 at 9:30 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. Josh Skavdahl 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 September 1 and 14, 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, 39,023.50; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,544.48/employee share, 1,722.11; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail set-up, 979.06; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 225.89; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, county court fees, 1,308.81; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Dugan Business Forms, envelopes, 92.56; E S & S, ballots, 4,322.77; Audrey M. Elliott, court-appointed attorney, 1,490.00; Dennelle Fischer, deductible reimbursement, 1,713.39; JW Geiser, mileage, 142.60; Herren's, supplies, 5.49; David Howell, mileage, 57.50; Lacy Klein, mileage, 80.50; Lotton's, fuel, 148.10; Bill Mack, deductible reimbursement, 1,250.00; Chad McCumbers, mileage, meals, room, supplies, 786.97; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,409.52; Mobius Communications, phone service, 227.69; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 600.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,005.47; NE Total Office, supplies, 94.75; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 1,420.32; Nextoner, LLC, supplies, 297.86; NEA, electricity, 505.06; JoElla Norman, class registration, 125.00; Nossaman, Petitt Law Firm, PC, court appointed attorney, 2,149.45; Quadiant Finance USA, postage, 1,000.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 219.04; Region 23 Emergency Management, yearly fee, 17,075.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 445.55; David Saults, deductible reimbursement, 1,250.00; Scottsbluff County Treasurer, probation costs, 909.97; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,130.82/employee share social security, 2,130.82/county share medicare 498.36/employee share medicare, 498.36/ withholding, 2,137.46; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Josh Skavdahl, deductible reimbursement, 2,500.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.15; Smith, King & Simmons, court costs, 50.00; Joe Stecher, mileage, 84.53; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 47.36; UNL Extension, intern salaries, 4,131.27; USDA, APHIS, predator control, 6,020.21; Viaero Wireless, phone, 99.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 449.84; Vistabeam, 68.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 80.50.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 32,506.83; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,175.48/employee share retirement, 1,450.28; B & C Steel, supplies, 56.21; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,563.52; Cody Bruegger, labor, 5,400.00; Centurylink, internet, 58.60; Elliot Chapman, DOT physical, 100.00; Coe Engineering, fees, 7,202.25; Contractor Services, Inc., supply, 5,500.00; Contractors Materials, supplies, 312.04; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 3,823.05; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 379.16; Frank Parts, parts, 112.33; Groskopf Manufacturing, supplies, 764.40; Herren's, supply, 259.16; Horse Creek Tire, tire repair, 65.20; Ideal Linen, rugs, 35.30; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 210.00; Mark Chrisman Trucking, Inc., gravel screening, 36,416.40; Morrill Supply, repairs, 78.19; NACO, conference registration, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee



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withholding, 689.63; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 399.99; NEA, electric, 77.86; Office Depot, supplies, 72.11; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 297.09; Powerplan, repairs, 1,361.10; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,838.22; Sandberg Implement, Inc. supply, 475.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,772.23/employee share social security, 1,772.23/county share medicare, 414.48/employee share medicare, 414.48/withholding, 1,293.62; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 285.91; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 143.29; Village of Harrison, utility, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 86.03; WPCI, drug testing, 180.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,567.25; Amazon, supplies, 387.38; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 105.79/employee share retirement, 70.53; Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 142.99; Centurylink, phone/internet, 149.35; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.84; Herren's, supplies, 21.15; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 52.00; NEA, electricity, 90.00; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 55.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 97.17/employee share social security 97.17/county share medicare, 22.73/employee share medicare 22.73/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 89.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,201.10; 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, 58.61; Crawford Clipper, ad, 99.00; Herren Brothers, supplies, 140.18; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.51; NE 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.

Don Lease, Heather Brown and others met with the board to explain the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project. "The project is an outreach program that works with public and private partnerships to provide community-based counseling and identify unmet needs during the current COVID-19 pandemic in the state of Nebraska." They go into the communities to see what the community needs are. Informational pamphlets will be distributed throughout the community.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

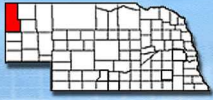
Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer updated the county financial status to the board.

Nick Sanderson updated the board. No fall training was held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sanderson has applied for the forest service grant of up to \$9,000.00.

Jenny Nixon advised the board of a steering committee consisting of herself, Mike Kesselring and Kerri Rempp, with the discussion point of tourism, and the changes in travel, preparing communities for an influx of people coming into our communities, and how to make ourselves ready to receive money from tourists. They also discussed helping people in distress in these times and how to deal with that.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer and Road Foreman/Asst. Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board and discussed repairs on Indian Creek Road. Dirt work estimates were discussed. Phipps will contact Tim Buskirk, with NRCS to request financial help from them for the project.

The watershed protection projects were discussed. Motion by Geiser, seconded by Downer to award the work on the projects to Fuller Construction. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Brad Thayer advised the board that he is to have shoulder surgery on November 30. He will be off work for a minimum of 6 weeks, with full recovery being 4 months. Thayer requested to be paid for the time he is off, and he would make up the time after he comes back. Discussion was held regarding the employee handbook not addressing a situation like this. Brad will be allowed to bank some compensatory time now, to be used during his recovery.

Jim Phipps discussed a drug and alcohol program that he is looking for training for. Big Iron will be coming sometime this week to look at items to be sold at auction. Phipps also advised the board that FEMA funds have been committed to Sioux County. They should be here by the end of the year.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:10.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects was contacted via telephone to discuss the courthouse lighting project. There will be a pre-bid conference and walk-through for interested contractors on November 6 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 1, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk