

Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

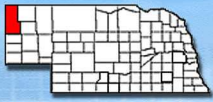
Harrison, Nebraska

January 4, 2021

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl and Hal Downer. 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 Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting. 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, 40,160.14; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,616.25/employee share, 1,771.00; Berggren Architects, lighting project, 3,000.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 195.08; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 227.55; Crawford Clipper, publications, 177.96; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Dennelle Fischer, supplies, 21.39; Ronda Flower, court costs, 830.00; Kreider Insurance, bond, 286.00; Lincoln Law, LLC, court fees, 1,481.00; Dexter Mathis, deductible reimbursement, 2,500.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 472.88; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,248.72; Mobius Communications, phone service, 227.69; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; Garrette Naillon, mileage, 440.45; National Association of Counties, dues, 450.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, training expense, 235.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,044.14; NEA, electricity, 1,429.38; Nossaman, Pettitt Law Firm, PC, court appointed attorney, 281.80; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 125.34; Panhandle County Assessors Association, dues, 75.00; Quadient Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease, 840.00; Radar Shop, supplies, 172.00; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, dues, 20.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 395.65; RR Donnelley, supplies, 93.04; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 296.58; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,201.29/employee share social security, 2,201.29/county share medicare 514.83/employee share medicare, 514.83/ withholding, 2,182.54; Sioux County Clerk of District Court, court fees, 126.00/check charge 32.25; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Josh Skavdahl, mileage, 759.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.94; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 110.00; Joe Stecher, deductible reimbursement, 319.62; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 33.12; Viaero Wireless, phone, 95.52; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, internet, 131.90; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 80.50.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 33,816.58; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,142.39/employee share retirement, 1,428.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,563.52; Castro Roofing, repair roof, 400.00; Centurylink, internet, 57.18; Contractors Materials, supplies, 59.85; Crawford Clipper, ad, 120.22; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 1,629.61; Fire & Ice Mechanical, repairs, 201.25; Sammy Gomez, lease, 1,000.00; Herren's, supply, 252.87; Ideal Linen, rugs, 35.30; Manley Welding, repairs, 105.00; Mark Hydraulic, parts, 520.81; Mitchell's Upholstery & Embroidery, seat repair, 42.50; Morrill Hardware, repairs, 38.94; Morrill Supply, supplies, 46.18; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 423.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 664.10; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 3,880.71; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 3,088.00; NEA, electric, 77.12; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,033.43; James Phipps, fuel, 50.00; Powerplan, repairs, 880.88; Pine Ridge



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Service Center, fuel, 3,843.16; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,853.43/employee share social security, 1,853.43/county share medicare, 433.47/employee share medicare, 433.47/withholding, 1,201.71; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 10.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 303.58; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 29.3; Village of Harrison, utility, 92.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 91.17.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, ad, 30.03.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,317.69; Amazon, supplies, 116.16; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 88.94/employee share retirement, 59.30; Centurylink, phone/internet, 150.11; Collaborative Summer Library Program, supplies, 218.39; Crawford Clipper, notice, 8.50; Junior Library Guild, supplies, 395.80; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.63; NEA, electricity, 155.72; The Penworthy Company, supplies, 106.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 81.70/employee share social security 81.70/county share medicare, 19.11/employee share medicare 19.11/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00.

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, 57.19; Herren Brothers, supplies, 42.90; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.51; Office Depot, supplies, 62.98; 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 updated the county financial status to the board.

Nick Sanderson submitted the annual weed control plan to the board.

LeAnne Skavdahl provided the board with a monthly financial report for the sheriff's office. She is working on the monthly activity report, and will provide it to the newspaper, and post it on the courthouse bulletin board.

Jenny Nixon met with the board and updated them on extension programs. The 4-H enrollment has increased by 60%. Commissioner Skavdahl asked Nixon if she could research protein supplements for cattle that are most cost effective.

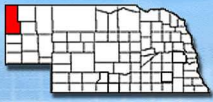
Jenny Nixon reported for the Sioux County Travel and Tourism Board. The board granted \$225 to NW Nebraska Travel guide for advertisement. Shop Hometown Harrison received \$400 for advertising on the radio and newspapers.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve an easement for NEA behind the sale barn. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by Josh Skavdahl to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2021. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Downer to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2021 On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2021. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Downer to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2021. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl, the following appointments were adopted for 2021.

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 Jackie Delatour; 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 Skavdahl to approve the following Legal Holidays:

New Year's Day– Friday, January 1, 2021

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 18, 2021

President's Day – Monday, February 15, 2021

Arbor Day – Friday, April 30, 2021

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021

Independence Day – Monday, July 5, 2021 (observed)

Labor Day – Monday, September 6, 2021

Veteran's Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2021

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 25, 2021

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 26, 2021

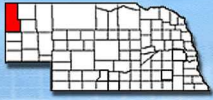
Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 2021

New Year's Day -Friday, December 31, 2021 (observed)

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; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2021. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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The board regretfully accepted the retirement/ resignation of Gary Thayer, Road Superintendent effective December 31, 2020. The board thanked Thayer for his 37 plus years of service to Sioux County. His work has been greatly appreciated.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to appoint Jim Phipps Road Superintendent, effective immediately. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps updated the board stating that the FEMA work is nearly complete. Big Iron has sold the tractor and truck. Phipps also gave updates on the Indian Creek Road issue, snow plowing at Agate Fossil Beds, and gravel.

Phipps reported that the road employees are working hard and are getting the job done. Chairman Skavdahl stated that the employees are happy with Phipps as well.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2021.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk