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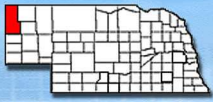
Harrison, Nebraska

May 3, 2021

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Hal Downer, Josh Skavdahl 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2021 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 42,728.01; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,828.66/employee share, 1,919.83; Berggren Architects, lighting project, 4,288.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 231.26; Crawford Clipper, publications, 141.44; Creative Product Source, Inc., supplies, 442.19; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; DeLage Landen Public Finance, pickup lease, 6,221.71; Government Forms & Supplies, stamp, 53.00; David Howell, mileage, 56.00; Steve Johnson, mileage, 56.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 78.40; Linstar, supplies, 252.40; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 729.12; Chad McCumbers, room, supplies, 294.85; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,264.72; Mobius Communications, phone service, 229.98; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 665.00; Garrette Naillon, mileage, meals, 222.45; NE Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 135.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,106.28; NEA, electricity, 1,486.31 Quadient Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 146.94; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 868.74; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 168.86; Sayler Screenprinting, supplies, 35.50; Scottsbluff County Detention Center, jail costs, 10,676.70; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,360.49/employee share social security, 2,360.49/county share medicare 552.04/employee share medicare, 552.04/ withholding, 2,272.97; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Sioux County Treasurer, voided checks, 500.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.69/postage, 14.00; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 42.46; Staples, supplies, 183.78; Transfer to Library Fund, 8,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 8,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 40,000.00; Triangle Electric, lighting project, 42,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 49.03; UNL Extension, Box Butte County, mileage, 42.39; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 5,631.83; Viaero Wireless, phone, 101.50; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, internet, 68.95; Watchguard Video, video system, 5,355.00; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 78.40.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 33,742.74 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,252.97/employee share retirement, 1,502.04; B & C Steel, supplies, 127.33; Steve Bauersachs, labor, 100.00; Beguin Propane, propane, 473.85; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,563.52; Centurylink, internet, 59.42; Conequip Parts & Equipment, LLC, parts, 287.05; DAS State Accounting, snow plow truck, 22,700.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 3,056.06; Floyd's Truck Center, supplies, 76.02; Frank Parts, parts, 53.98; Sammy Gomez, lease, 1,000.00; Herren's, supply, 1,336.43; Ideal Linen, rugs, 35.30; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 1,078.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, repairs, 182.50; Mark Chrisman Trucking, gravel screening, 18,309.00; Morrill Supply, parts, 39.09; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 775.95; Nebraska



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Machinery, repairs, 4,841.84; NEA, electric, 109.45; James Phipps, meals, dues, fuel, 497.98; Powerplan, repairs, 2,834.07; Bobby Reece, DOT physical reimbursement, 100.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 9,158.68; Scottsbluff Co. Highway and Bridge, repairs, 114.24; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,848.84/employee share social security, 1,848.84/county share medicare, 432.40/employee share medicare, 432.40/withholding, 1,480.27; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 185.43; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 71.15; Village of Harrison, utilities, 100.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 94.96, Westco, fuel, 706.23.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Treasurer, voided check, 100.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,744.60; Amazon, supplies, 539.15; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 117.76/employee share retirement, 78.51; Centurylink, phone/internet, 165.43; Crawford Clipper, ad, 7.82; Herren's, supplies, 19.86; Junior Library Guild, books, 322.50; Morford's Decorating Center, bathroom repairs, 6,268.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.83; NEA, electricity, 215.08; Jeff Quinn, summer reading program, 375.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 108.17/employee share social security 108.17/county share medicare, 25.30/employee share medicare 25.30/withholding, 100.00; Theatre West, program, 50.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,297.13; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 222.56/employee share retirement, 148.37; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 59.43; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,724.00; Herren Brothers, supplies, 38.97; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.46; Security First Bank, county share social security, 176.47/employee share social security, 176.47/county share medicare, 41.27/employee share medicare, 41.27/withholding, 150.00.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to amend the agenda to include review and approval of Articles of Incorporation for Aging Office of Western Nebraska. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Chet Ellsworth submitted written comment to each board member and to the clerk regarding the April 1, 2021 minutes as to Resolution 2021-3, establishment of American Rescue Act fund.

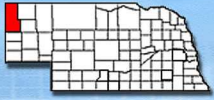
Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. Discussion of the 3.28% increase in Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance was held.

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

Nick Sanderson updated the board on recent activities. Sanderson reviewed the assessment of Sioux County's compliance with The Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act during 2020 with the board. Repairs on the weed shop roof were discussed.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted a monthly financial report to the board. Garrette Naillon is in training now. The new pickup McCumbers has ordered is delayed. The new camera system has arrived, and grant money is on its way. Deputy Murphy is working out well. The USDA contract is being reviewed with County Attorney Edmund. Trainings were discussed. The next call summary submitted will be for March and April.

Jenny Nixon provided the board with a calendar of events for the Extension office.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2021-5, a resolution supporting the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Full text of the resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk’s office.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2021-6, a resolution opposing President Biden’s Executive Order 14008, Section 216, called the “30 x 30 “program. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Full text of the resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk’s office.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Bobby Reece’s requested vacation carry over time of 29 hours. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on moving the electrical service in the alley behind the courthouse in order to improve the handicap accessibility issue. The option of pouring more cement, making an extended cement slab instead was discussed.

A public hearing to hear comments on the vacation of a portion of Indian Creek Road was opened at 11:30 a.m. Tim Buskirk and Jodi Thomsen attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps explained that due to maintenance and repair issues we are potentially encountering, a solution would be to vacate 3.3 miles of Indian Creek Road to the state line. Spearhead Ranch, LLC is the only land owner adjacent to the road. Jodi Thomsen asked if you close the road, can we put a locked gate across it? County Attorney Edmund stated yes, it would not be a county issue once closed. Tim Buskirk, Forest Service District Ranger advised that the forest service uses the road, and has talked to his superiors regarding costs for repairs. They may be able to cost share. Hunter and staff access were issues, as well as fire access. Buskirk will discuss with the issue with NE Game and Parks as well. Superintendent Phipps will work with the property owner, and the forest service. The public hearing was closed at 11:47.

Stacey Swinney was unable to attend the meeting, but sent proposals regarding work on Sand Creek Bridge and Geiser South bridges.

Road Superintendent Phipps updated the board on gravel crushing and other current road activities.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:05.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet June 1, 2021.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk