

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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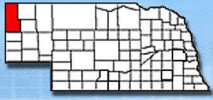
Harrison, Nebraska

June 1, 2021

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 1, 2021 at 9:50 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. Hal Downer 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 May 3, 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, 43,269.05; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,819.81/employee share, 1,911.24; Berggren Architects, lighting project, 1,225.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Don Brush, survey, 2,469.67; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 231.40; Consolidated Management, meals, 222.77; Crawford Clipper, publications, 229.75; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 262.84; Dennelle Fischer, notary fee, 30.00; Dan Franks, BC/BS deductible reimbursement, 1,250.00; GWorks, GIS contract, 9,950.00; Herren's, supplies, 14.99; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 70.92; Kreider Insurance, bond, 40.00; Chad McCumbers, room, supplies, mileage, 1,035.56; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,264.72; Mobius Communications, phone service, 229.98; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, dues, 1,176.46; Garrette Naillon, mileage, 406.56; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,135.97; Nebraska Total Office, supplies, 82.00; NEA, electricity, 1,202.09; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 58.24; Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., mineral appraisal, 280.00; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 252.25; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 537.76; Ruart Motors, pickup lease, 9,870.07; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 207.35; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,394.04/employee share social security, 2,394.04/county share medicare 559.89/employee share medicare, 559.89/ withholding, 2,239.05; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.69/ dues, 1,175.00; LeAnne Skavdahl, postage, 16.55; Staples, supplies, 53.68; Joe Stecher, BC/BS deductible reimbursement, 1,054.09; Transfer to Library Fund, 1,200.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 170,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 98.50; Viaero Wireless, phone, 93.07; Village of Harrison, utilities, 381.84; Vistabeam, internet, 68.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 384.16/meals, 20.98.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 33,659.12 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,253.40/employee share retirement, 1,502.33; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,563.52; Don Brush, survey, 750.00; Centurylink, internet, 59.55; Contractors Materials, supplies, 185.60; Dale's Tire & Retreading, Inc., repairs, 2,092.82; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel, 1,883.57; Floyd's Truck Center, supplies, 40.86; Frank Parts, parts, 53.98; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 1,473.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, repairs, 8.10; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies, 16.91; Morrill Supply, parts, 9.48; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 776.09; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 7,957.84; NEA, electric, 78.08; James Phipps, meals, fuel, 89.90; Powerplan, repairs, 467.28; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,321.27; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,843.66/employee share social security, 1,843.66/county share medicare, 431.19/employee share medicare, 431.19/withholding, 1,480.27; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 768.95; Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 500.00; TDS Environmental



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Services, garbage, 30.00; Transfer to Special Road Fund, 100,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 310.44; Village of Harrison, utilities, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 89.95, WCPI, drug testing, 95.00; Westco, fuel, 324.23.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism ad, 18.40.

REGISTER OF DEEDS P & M FUND: Redfield Direct, LLC, recording books, 1,803.42.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,124.22; Amazon, supplies, 356.18; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 75.88/employee share retirement, 50.59; Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 84.98; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.50; Herren's, supplies, 88.06; Junior Library Guild, books, 128.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 53.85; NEA, electricity, 174.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 69.70/employee share social security 69.70/county share medicare, 16.30/employee share medicare 16.30/withholding, 100.00; Synchrony Bank, supplies, 3.55; Village of Harrison, water, 63.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,097.13; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 276.56/employee share retirement, 184.37; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Capital One Trade Credit, supplies, 17.08; Centurylink, internet, 59.55; Crawford Clipper, ad, 99.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 660.90; Herren Brothers, supplies, 141.02; Lotton's, fuel, 73.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 42.81; Panhandle Weed Control Assn, dues, 50.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 226.07/employee share social security, 26.07/county share medicare, 52.87/employee share medicare, 52.87/withholding, 157.65; Sioux County Clerk, plat maps, 80.25.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the updated Articles of Incorporation for Aging Office of Western Nebraska. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the BC/BS deductible of \$1,500 per person. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

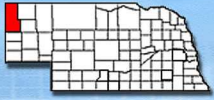
Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Michelle Zimmerman budget making authority for the 2021-2022 budget. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted a monthly financial report to the board. Garrette Naillon is doing well in training. The new pickup McCumbers has ordered is delayed. The Watchguard grant of \$3,500 should be received soon. McCumbers will be getting a quote for roof repairs on the old jail. Communications options were discussed. Brandon Loy has donated his hours this fiscal year.

Jenny Nixon provided the board with a calendar of events for the Extension office. Two interns will be starting soon. Thirty kids are registered for 4-H this year. The Extension Office Annual Report was submitted to the board. Two people are needed to serve on the extension board.

The roof on the building used by the weed department was discussed. Tim Kreider was contacted regarding hail damage to the roof. Kreider will look into it.



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Nick Sanderson was contacted regarding getting the railing on the front steps of the courthouse put back up. Sanderson will work on it.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Dave Saults' requested vacation carry over time. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Mike Kesselring met with the board to discuss tourism and roads. Kesselring stated that people are anxious to travel, and that travel expense figures for the first quarter of 2021 are higher than ever. Toadstool Road and Sowbelly Road are in need of gravel. The Village of Harrison is working on updating Coffee Park, with Kesselring being the liaison for that project. Kesselring has been in contact with Hagen Glass, they are having trouble getting parts for the back doors of the courthouse.

Discussion was held on moving the electric pole in the alley behind the courthouse or extending the cement pad. Quotes have been received for moving it. Mike Kesselring will get quotes on concrete.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps presented the board with informal quotes from Murphy Tractor and NMC Cat on lease/purchase options on a new road grader. No action taken. Phipps gave an update on the watershed projects.

Discussion was held on the closure of a portion of Indian Creek Road. Road Superintendent Phipps has been in contact with Tim Buskirk, District Ranger regarding funding. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to table the decision on closure of a portion of Indian Creek Road until June 14. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Brad Thomsen, Dan and Allen Jordan were also in attendance.

Stacey Swinney presented the board with quotes on bridge work needed in the county.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:15.

Jerry Feist, District Supervisor for USDA/APHIS updated the board on the process of rehiring Luke Peebles position. Funding issues are a problem. Discussion was held on options for the county to hire someone. Gale Henry and Lucas Young were present and were involved in the discussion. No action was taken, the issue will be discussed further.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 1, 2021.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk