

# Sioux County Board Minutes



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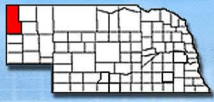
Harrison, Nebraska

August 2, 2021

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Tim Kreider 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 July 1 and 22, 2021 meetings. 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, 42,864.83; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,793.91/employee share, 1,892.16; Baas 24 Hour Towing, LLC, towing, 610.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 21,420.38; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 230.86; Consolidated Management, meals, 365.66; Crawford Clipper, publications, 176.12; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, attorney 220.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Hampton Inn, room, 294.00; Herren's, supplies, 129.29; Lacy Klein, mileage, 108.40; Chad McCumbers, mileage, supplies, 339.01; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,587.45; Mobius Communications, phone service, 229.40; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 875.00; Garrette Naillon, mileage, 406.56; NE Assn of County Clerks, workshop, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,103.68; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office, service, 50.00; NEA, electricity, 401.60; Dave Nixon, supplies, 25.65; Jenny Nixon, mileage, supplies, 46.90; JoElla Norman, deductible reimbursement, 1,250.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 425.35; Region I Office of Human Development, services, 1,642.50; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 787.39; Nick Sanderson, deducible reimbursement, 272.94; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 165.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,334.65/employee share social security, 2,334.65/county share medicare 545.99/employee share medicare, 545.99/ withholding, 2,203.65; Sioux County Court, court costs, 34.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.79; Staples, supplies, 199.95; Transfer to courthouse building fund, 20,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 12,000.00; USDA, APHIS, predator control, 3,806.28; Viaero Wireless, phone, 107.84; Village of Harrison, utilities, 567.84; Vistabeam, internet, 68.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 78.40.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 33,397.74 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,235.76/employee share retirement, 1,490.57; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,106.82; Centurylink, internet, 71.63; Dale's Tire & Retreading, Inc., repairs, 2,061.96; Frank Parts, parts, 70.88; Herren's, repairs, 1,404.67; Ideal Linen Supply, rugs, 60.13; Inland Truck Parts, repairs, 119.40; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, repair, 874.30; Mitchell's Upholstery & Embroidery, repair, 32.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 774.74; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 4,461.21; NEA, electric, 62.07; James Phipps, mileage, registration, 274.32; Powerplan, repairs, 314.33; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,600.99; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,820.73/employee share social security, 1,820.73/county share medicare, 425.84/employee share medicare, 425.84/withholding, 1,468.15; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 122.99; Terrance Staman,



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gravel, 760.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 223.09; Village of Harrison, utilities, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 84.33, WPCI, drug testing, 180.00; Scott Wilkins, gravel, 1,400.00.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Crawford Clipper, notice, 12.80; Discover Northwest Nebraska, promotion, 1,028.23; Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 600.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 250.00; Discover Northwest Nebraska, promotion, 1,028.22; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 58.76.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,158.50; Amazon, supplies, 456.64; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 78.20/employee share retirement, 52.13; Centurylink, phone/internet, 165.15; Crawford Clipper, notice, 8.16; Junior Library Guild, books, 1,074.00; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.35; Nebraska Library Commission, overdrive subscription, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 87.88; Quill, supplies, 348.53; Security First Bank, county share social security, 71.83/employee share social security 71.83/county share medicare, 16.80/employee share medicare 16.80/withholding, 100.00; University Products, supply, 25.20; Village of Harrison, water, 93.00.

SIoux CO US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund: 223,812.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Triangle Electric, lighting project, 12,618.78.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,747.13; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 320.44/employee share retirement, 213.62; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,156.78; Centurylink, internet, 71.62; Crawford Clipper, ad, 100.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,250.20; Herren Brothers, supplies, 194.71; Lotton's, fuel, 864.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 62.36; Ramada Inn, room, 190.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, meals, 506.49; Security First Bank, county share social security, 265.53/employee share social security, 265.53/county share medicare, 62.10/employee share medicare, 62.10/withholding, 219.73.

Tim Keider updated the board on an increase in worker's compensation rates, stating that the increase is due to increased payroll amounts in the road and sheriff departments.

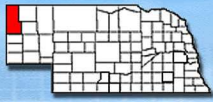
Westco employee Doug Turbiville advised the board that the propane tank behind the jail is leaking and needs to be removed. After discussion, it was decided to have Westco remove the tank.

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

Discussion was held on a Medical Transportation Solutions program that NACO is sponsoring. The program is for ground and air ambulance transportation and is available to county employees. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to offer the program to employees at the employee's expense. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2021-2022 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 1, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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,



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and Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by Josh Skavdahl, and passed by roll call vote: Downer, yes; Skavdahl yes. Motion carried.

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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2021-2022;

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 2021-2022 of \$67,500.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,350.00 for a total of \$68,850.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2021-2022;

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 \$35,800.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$716.00 for a total of \$36,516.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2021-2022.

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.

Nick Sanderson provided the board with two informal quotes for a new pickup. No action taken. Sanderson shared a quote from T & T Craig Builders for installation of a hand rail on the front step of the courthouse. The board advised Sanderson to have them go ahead with the project.

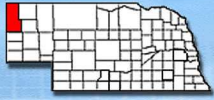
Sheriff McCumbers submitted a monthly financial report to the board. A few adjustments were made to the sheriff budget. McCumbers had no new information on the new pickup ordered. Updates were given on grants and upcoming trainings. Garrette Naillon is almost finished at the academy.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on fair activities this week.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to ratify the receipt of ARPA funds. The funds have been received and deposited in a separate account. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The courthouse custodial position was discussed. A job description will be created for the position.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps updated the board. Discussion was held on work that needs to be done on East Hat Creek Road. Indian Creek Road repairs were discussed. The culverts on Hanley Road have been installed. Superintendent Phipps is looking at locations to crush gravel.



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Bids for a grader were opened. Larry Burbach from NMC Cat and Mike Bateman from Murphy Tractor presented additional information on the machines. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the bids. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:00.

Board member Geiser attended the afternoon session.

A budget workshop was held.

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 September 1, 2021.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk