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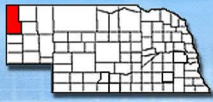
Harrison, Nebraska

January 3, 2022

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. 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 December 1, 2021 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 42,350.80; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,787.89/employee share, 1,899.18; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,263.60; Blue360 Media, LLC, supplies, 87.75; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 112.71; Contryman Associates, PC, audit, 11,700.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Federal Surplus Property, supplies, 260.00; Hampton Inn, rooms, 1,609.30; Harrison Volunteer Fire Department, generator reimbursement, 6,033.22; Lacy Klein, mileage, 376.32; Centurylink, internet, 236.19; Medial Transport Solutions, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, mileage, 34.64; Midwest Connect, postage, 59.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,517.99; Mobius Communications, phone service, 238.97; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,097.91; Nebraska Total Office, supplies, 212.18; NEA, electricity, 1,402.13; Jenny Nixon, mileage, 116.48; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 253.00; Quadiant Leasing, meter lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 930.03; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 52.99; David Saults, deductible reimbursement, 494.00; Scottsbluff Co. Treasurer, probation, 983.98; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,329.53/employee share social security, 2,329.53/county share medicare 544.79/employee share medicare, 544.79/ withholding, 2,874.32; Security First Bank, box rent, 17.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.61/ supplies, 37.60; Smith, King & Simmons, probate expense, 50.00; Staples, supplies, 428.48; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 94.86; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, internet, 73.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 422.80/meals, 52.00/ courthouse mats, 420.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 33,638.49; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 510.77; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,246.95/employee share retirement, 1,498.03; Andy's Service Company, belly dump, 22,500.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,835.19; Centurylink, internet, 61.71; Cornhunsker State Industries, supplies, 730.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,757.17; Eagle Chevrolet, repairs, 130.00; Federal Surplus Property, pickup, 23,700.00/ supplies, 540.00; Frank Parts, parts, 105.94; Hampton Inn, room, 459.80; Herren's, repairs, 229.43; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 115.63; Ideal Linen, rugs, 60.13; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 806.85; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, repair, 1,246.99; Manley Welding, repairs, 325.00; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, parts, 42.34; Morrill Supply, repairs, 38.58; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 583.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 745.34; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 327.89; Nebraskaland Tire, supplies, 957.54; NEA, electric, 78.71; Panhandle Coop, supplies, 752.13; Jim Phipps, fuel, 343.33/meals, 36.01; Powerplan, repairs, 3,906.22; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 7,777.36; James Schneider, gravel, 1,400.00; Security First Bank,



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county share social security, 1,839.03/employee share social security, 1,839.03/county share medicare, 430.11/employee share medicare, 430.11/withholding, 2,269.14; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 10.00; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 1,287.81; Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 960.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 148.46; Village of Harrison, utilities, 92.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 82.11; WPCI, drug testing, 60.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,597.22; Amazon, supplies, 3,682.88; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 107.81/employee share retirement, 71.87, Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 51.99; Centurylink, phone/internet, 168.15; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 51.51; NEA, electricity, 176.92; Security First Bank, county share social security, 99.03/employee share social security 99.03/county share medicare, 23.16/employee share medicare 23.16/withholding, 122.19; Village of Harrison, water, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL GRANT FUND: Transfer to Weed Fund, 9,000.00.

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, 2,156.78; Centurylink, internet, 61.72; Federal Surplus Property, supplies, 150.00; Herren's, supplies, 247.39; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.56; Office Depot, supplies, 106.33; Nick Sanderson, mileage, meals, 433.76; Security First Bank, county share social security, 175.63/employee share social security, 175.63/county share medicare, 41.07/employee share medicare, 41.07/withholding, 216.70.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. Zimmerman reported that Bytes has made an assessment of IT needs and will report back with options. Discussion was held on a resolution to allow use of public funds for certain employee awards. No action taken.

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

Nick Sanderson submitted the yearly control plan for the weed department. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the plan and direct Chairman Skavdahl to sign the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The grant money from the forest service for spraying right of ways has been received. Sanderson is in the process of transferring equipment into the former road pickup.

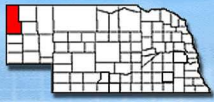
Sheriff McCumbers updated the board stating that his new pickup should be shipped by the end of the week. Training requirements for the sheriff's office staff are fully complete.

Jenny Nixon shared a schedule of 4-H programs planned. A youth member has been added to the 4-H Council. One more member is needed for the council. Jenny is currently advertising for a part-time office person.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2022. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to adopt the Resolution establishing elected officials salaries and benefits pursuant to NE. REV. Stat. 23-1114 (Reissue 1997). On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2022. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2022. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2022. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Jim Phipps County Highway Superintendent for 2022. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser, the following appointments were adopted for 2022.

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. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the following Legal Holidays:

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

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 17, 2022

President's Day – Monday, February 21, 2022

Arbor Day – Friday, April 29, 2022

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30, 2022

Juneteenth-Monday, June 20, 2022 (observed)

Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2022

Labor Day – Monday, September 5, 2022

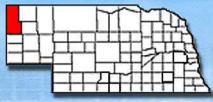
Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11, 2022

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24, 2022

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 25, 2022

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 23, 2022(observed)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 26, 2022 (observed)



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New Year's Day -Monday, January 2, 2023 (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 Geiser to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2022. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussions will continue with Mobius and Vistabeam regarding the upgrade of high-speed internet and broadband to the county.

One bid for the courthouse janitor was opened. No action was taken.

Ongoing discussions will be held regarding amendments to the zoning resolution and comprehensive plans.

A proposal for replacement of entrance doors on the west side of the courthouse, submitted by Hagen Glass was reviewed. Mike Kesselring will get clarification on the proposal.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the purchase of a Load King belly dump. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Stacey Swinney met with the board and reported on the bridge inspections that he and Road Superintendent Phipps completed in November. Discussion was held on bridge work that needs to be addressed, and funding options to complete the work.

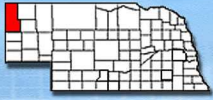
Correspondence was read from Nadine Baker concerning Cottonwood Road. Phipps will correspond with her to get the issues resolved.

Phipps advised the board that Westco in Morrill has liquid de-icer available, the road department will try some, to see how it works.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2022.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk



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