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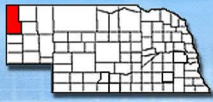
Harrison, Nebraska

February 1, 2022

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 1, 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. 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 Geiser to approve the minutes of the January 3 and 25, 2022 meetings. 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, 43,651.18; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,783.21/employee share, 1,893.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,263.60; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 245.12; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Fire & Ice Mechanical, repairs, 1,992.02; JW Geiser, mileage, 396.48; Herren's, supplies, 13.28; David Howell, mileage, 58.50; Steve Johnson, mileage, 58.50; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 31,506.00; Lotton's, fuel, 30.50; Centurylink, phone, 235.11; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, mileage, 2,034.62; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,369.40; Mobius Communications, phone service, 232.57; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of County Clerks, dues, 75.00; NE Association of County Assessors, dues, 60.00; NE Secretary of State, election supplies, 10.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher service, 61.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,058.30; NEA, electricity, 1,898.79; Office Depot, supplies, 92.32; Panhandle Co. Assessors Association, dues, 75.00; Panhandle Co. Treasurer's Association, dues, 30.00; Platte Valley Communications, radio repair, 98.63; Quill Corporation supplies, 70.67; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 942.53; Nick Sanderson, deductible reimbursement, 1,727.67; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,413.25/employee share social security, 2,413.25/county share medicare 564.39/employee share medicare, 564.39/ withholding, 2,262.72; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.61 Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 30,000.00; USDA, APHIS, predator contract, 3,192.76; Viaero Wireless, phone, 106.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.84; Vistabeam, internet, 73.95; Western Pathology, autopsy, 325.00; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 401.90.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 34,529.18; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,312.15/employee share retirement, 1,541.43; B & C Steel, repairs, 306.32; Bauerkempers, repairs, 7.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,835.19; Centurylink, internet, 61.19; Dooley Oil, fuel, 61.52; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 125.00; Frank Parts, parts, 343.37; Herren's, repairs, 392.08; JWG, Inc., supplies, 320.00; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 66,902.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, repair, 107.45; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, repairs, 201.06; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher service, 28.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 781.74; NE Dept of Transportation, de-icer, 1,088.55; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,691.54; NEA, electric, 145.39; Office Depot, office supplies, 92.32; Panhandle Coop, supplies, 1,351.22; Jim Phipps, dues, 50.00/meals, 24.35; Powerplan, repairs, 12,215.54; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,321.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,885.02/employee share social security, 1,885.02/county share medicare, 440.85/employee share medicare,



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440.85/withholding, 1,496.42; Sioux County Sheriff, VIN inspection, 10.00; Sioux County Treasurer, title, 10.00; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 440.96; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 106.42; Village Barn, repairs, 150.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 102.26; WPCI, drug testing, 155.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Chadrad Communications, Inc., ads, 385.00; Crawford Clipper, ads, 66.22.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,588.50; Amazon, supplies, 753.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 107.22/employee share retirement, 71.48, Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 136.94; Centurylink, phone/internet, 150.84; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 92.67; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 1,418.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 51.33; NEA, electricity, 293.52; Roanco Sprinklers, repair, 271.97; Security First Bank, county share social security, 98.49/employee share social security 98.49/county share medicare, 23.03/employee share medicare 23.03/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,396.05; AgSpray Equipment, parts, 251.56; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 229.23/employee share retirement, 152.82; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,156.78; Capital One Trade Credit, equipment, 153.96; Centurylink, internet, 61.20; Herren's, supplies, 192.78; Kreider Insurance Agency, insurance, 5,509.00; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, dues, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.60; Office Depot, supplies, 152.71; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 59.67; Security First Bank, county share social security, 181.76/employee share social security, 181.76/county share medicare, 42.51/employee share medicare, 42.51/withholding, 150.00.

Tim Kreider gave an update on the county's insurance policy.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports

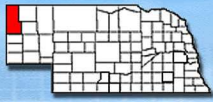
Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer updated the county financial status to the board.

Jenny Nixon updated the board. The first shooting sports meet was held here at the high school this past week, with 52-53 kids participating. The robotics team competed at the regional competition. They received a teamwork award. Nebraska Extension is hosting several conferences and meetings in the coming weeks. Discussion was held on the Sandhill Center for Hope located in Alliance.

Nick Sanderson reported that he is transferring his spray rig into the other pickup. He will try the de-icer on Monroe Canyon Road. There may be some state money available for spraying.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board stating that his new pickup has been delayed. It should be here mid-March. Two sets of body armor have been ordered. Discussions regarding communications are still ongoing with Dawes County. McCumbers is working on a policy manual, within that, cleaning and disposal of garbage will be their responsibility, for security purposes. McCumbers would like to use ARPA funding for laptops in sheriff vehicles.

Deputy County Attorney Skavdahl met with the board. Commissioner Skavdahl requested the county attorney's office look at the comprehensive plan to change the language allowing the county to deny conservation easements. Review of the current employee handbook was also discussed. Skavdahl discussed proposed changes to the wind regulations. The company requesting the changes needs to meet with the planning commission and county board in person, Attorney Skavdahl will advise them of that.



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

Road Superintendent Phipps met with the board. Guardrails on CR-A and 13 were discussed. The cost of replacing them will be split with Scotts Bluff County. Phipps will be adding two bridges to the county's inventory.

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

Mike Kesselring updated the board on travel and tourism. April 21 there will be a radio program for kick-off of summer tourism at the Country Kitchen in Chadron. Representatives will be attending spring sports shows, and Kesselring requested funds from the Visitor and Promotion Fund for reimbursement of travel expenses. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the requested funds. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Snow removal at the handicap area of the courthouse was discussed. The snow is not being removed properly. Commissioner Skavdahl will contact Brad Munson to discuss the snow removal. Installation of handicapped accessible doors at the rear of the courthouse was discussed.

Barney Reece met with the board with a proposal to implement a program to offer county employees \$1,500 to be used to cover their deductible. No action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 1, 2022.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk