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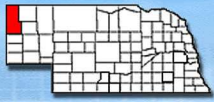
Harrison, Nebraska

March 1, 2022

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 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. 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 February 1 and 15, 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, 43,012.25; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,818.95/employee share, 1,919.18; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,263.60; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, 182.38; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 235.11; Crawford Clipper, notices, 348.50; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Dennelle Fischer, deductible reimbursement, 725.68; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies, 277.19; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 192.66; LaQuinta, room, 119.00; Lotton's, fuel, 25.35; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 100.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,310.70; Mobius Communications, phone service, 233.58; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 178.08; NE Assn of County Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,059.05; Nextoner, supplies, 128.93; NEA, electricity, 2,019.24; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 131.04; James Phipps, deductible reimbursement, 143.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill Corporation supplies, 142.09; Radar Shop, supplies, 147.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, boarding, 720.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,373.62/employee share social security, 2,373.62/county share medicare 555.15/employee share medicare, 555.15/ withholding, 2,275.64; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.61/supplies, 127.75; Staples, supplies, 91.48; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 7,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 20,000.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 114.95; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Vistabeam, internet, 73.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 311.81.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 34,325.66; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,298.41/employee share retirement, 1,532.27; B & C Steel, repairs, 123.59; Bauerkempers, repairs, 68.97; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,835.19; Centurylink, internet, 60.71; Elliot Chapman, supplies, 27.78; Contractors Materials, supplies, 242.00; Dale's Tire and Retreading, tires, 934.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,683.29; Herren's, repairs, 457.63; Horse Creek Tire, Inc., supplies, 72.96; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 2,021.80; Jirdon, supplies, 463.75; Lotton's Service & Repair, repair, fuel, 414.84; Mark Hydraulic, Inc., supplies, 550.05; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 65.56; Morrill Hardware, parts, 1.76; Morrill Supply, repairs, 113.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 786.79; NE Dept of Transportation, de-icer, 354.15; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 245.39; NEA, electric, 271.42; Panhandle Coop, supplies, 2,226.66; Jim Phipps, dues, 110.00/supplies, 46.57; Powerplan, repairs, 1,726.53; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 6,447.54; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,872.40/employee share social security, 1,872.40/county share medicare, 437.90/employee share medicare, 437.90/withholding, 1,496.42; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 458.06; TDS



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Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 202.98; Village of Harrison, utilities, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 91.98.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Omaha Magazine, ad, 545.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,772.06; Amazon, supplies, 1,009.01; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 119.61/employee share retirement, 79.74, Centurylink, phone/internet, 165.66; Crawford Clipper, notice, 8.16; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.29; NEA, electricity, 314.72; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 98.28; Security First Bank, county share social security, 109.87/employee share social security 109.87/county share medicare, 25.69/employee share medicare 25.69/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,396.05; AgSpray Equipment, parts, 19.65; 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; Centurylink, internet, 60.72; Herren's, supplies, 208.48; Medical Transport Solutions, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, training, 330.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.60; Panhandle Weed Control Assn, dues, 50.00; Nick Sanderson, supplies, 131.86; 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.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

The board reviewed a contract for professional services with Bytes Managed IT to provide information technology to Sioux County offices. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the 36-month contract. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a proposal submitted by Mobius Communications to install cabling and equipment for the courthouse. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer updated the county financial status to the board. Klein advised the board that the tax sale is Monday, March 7.

Nick Sanderson updated the board. Discussion was held on charging for weed-free forage inspections.

Sheriff McCumbers gave an update on recent activities. There are 5 remaining distress warrants, and the department can now do fingerprints for outside reasons.

Mike Bateman, Murphy tractor met with the board regarding the state bid on motor graders. The current pricing is in effect until June 23. If the county purchased a grader, a 2023 could be purchased at the 2021 price. No action taken.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on strengthening tourism in the northern panhandle. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Lora Andersen and Lacy Jo March to the extension board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michael Kurink, from Orion Renewable Resources, LLC gave an update on the wind farm project. A 300- megawatt windfarm is proposed for Sioux County. Kurink provided a proposed text amendment for the Sioux County wind regulations. County Attorney Edmund and the commissioners will review he amendments presented.



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Tim Buskirk, District Ranger for the US Forest Service reviewed the forest service agreement with the board. Buskirk advised the board of Federal Highway Administration grant opportunities. More signage will be added at Toadstool Park this season. The forest service is phasing out everything containing the word "squaw".

Discussion was held on the courthouse janitor position. Office staff will work together to compile a list of tasks. The part-time position will be advertised with a maximum of 20 hours per week.

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

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. No one from the public attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps presented a summary of projects, and items were discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to close the public hearing, and open back into regular session.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to add a pickup bumper, rollover tarp for semi, and 2004 Chevy pickup to the surplus property list. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps is going through the process to install STOP signs on S-2 and S-5 Roads.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to award the bid submitted by Triangle Electric to install lights in both road shops. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve 21 hours vacation carry-over for Bill Mack. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign an addendum to the gravel crushing contract previously signed. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A proposal for cutting trees on Pants Butte Road submitted by Patrone Landscaping was reviewed. Superintendent Phipps will get additional bids.

Stacey Swinney submitted a proposal to build and install autogates.

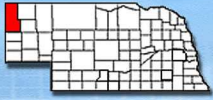
All road employees attended a class to become flagger certified with NDOT.

Jerry Berggren, Architect was contacted regarding restoration of the windows in the courthouse. Berggren thinks that the windows can be restored rather than replaced, saving a considerable amount of money. Options for applying for a tax credit were discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2022.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk



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