

Sioux County Board Minutes



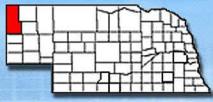
Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2022

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. JW Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the July 1 and 19, 2022 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda, as amended to include approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 46,156.59; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,826.63/employee share, 1,923.38; Byron Banta, juror mileage, 72.50; ; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 22,532.66; John Buhr, juror mileage, 56.25; Stacey Butcher, juror mileage, 62.50; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 178.00; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 236.79; Jennifer Chasek, juror mileage, 62.50; Cyd Coffee, juror mileage, 30.00; Jay Coffee, building repairs, 509.24; Mackenzie Cope, juror mileage, 27.50; Copier Connection, copier expense, 854.82; Crawford Clipper, notices, 309.37; Abbie Cross, juror mileage, 62.50; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Kody DeVries, juror mileage, 20.00; Starla Laursen Evans, juror mileage, 62.50; Nicole Fredrickson, juror fee, 35.00/juror mileage, 75.00; Spencer Gillen, juror mileage, 75.00; Chance Gonka, juror mileage, 46.25; Harrison House Hotel, meals-sheriff, 86.73; Don Harwood, juror fee, 35.00/juror mileage, 43.75; Herren's, supplies, 98.21; Karen Houk, juror mileage, 56.25; Lesli Howell, juror mileage, 68.75; Larry Jacobsen, juror fee, 35.00/juror mileage, 77.50; Steve Johnson, mileage, 62.50; Lacy Klein, mileage, 87.50; Lotton's, fuel, service; 323.44; Douglass Markheim, juror mileage, 75.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Lora Mathis, juror fee, 35.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 412.64; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.82; Mobius Communications, phone service, 239.22; Kari Monroe, supplies, 157.89; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,080.92; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 655.96; Nextoner, supplies, 129.00; NEA, electricity, 429.85; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 93.93; JoElla Norman, IAAO class, 125.00/meals for jurors, 102.49; Jean Norman, juror mileage, 55.00; Christina Oldaker, juror mileage, 20.00; Panhandle Area Development District, 22-23 membership, 788.48; Glenn Patrone, juror mileage, 33.75; Jane Pieper, juror mileage, 62.50; Beth Pyle, juror mileage, 41.25; Quadient Leasing, postage meter lease, 840.00; Quality Inn, Ogallala, room, 178.00; Bobby Reece, deductible reimbursement, 343.00; Region I Office of Human Development, services, 1,642.50; Regional West Medical Center, autopsy, 538.30; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,145.88; Rick Sample, juror mileage, 55.00; Brenda Scott, juror fee, 35.00/juror mileage, 75.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,528.02/employee share social security, 2,528.02/county share medicare 591.25/employee share medicare, 591.25/withholding, 2,276.47; Emily Semroska, juror mileage, 40.00; Sioux County Historical Society, contribution, 2,000.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.65/supplies, 88.55; Jennifer Skavdahl, juror mileage, 50.00; Smith, King & Simmons, P.C., court-appointed attorney, 90.00; Margaret Smith, juror mileage, 8.75; Linda Stangle, juror mileage, 61.25; Casey Staudenmaier, juror mileage, 27.50; Machelle Sterkel, juror mileage, 75.00; TGS Manufacturing, supplies, 461.00; Matt Tighe, juror mileage, 52.50; Transfer to Library Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 20,000.00; Transunion



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Risk & Alternative, services, 240.00; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control contract, 5,248.69; Viaero Wireless, phone, 108.45; Village of Harrison, utilities, 545.84; Vistabeam, internet, 73.95; Steven Wadhams, juror mileage, 62.50; Western Pathology Consultants, PC, autopsy, 1,000.00; Abbie Wickersham, juror mileage, 12.50; JoAnn Wilson, juror mileage, 85.00; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 44.97; Neal Wolhart, juror fee, 35.00/juror mileage, 62.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 87.50/flowers for funeral, 72.76.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,410.15; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Lyle Claussen, reimbursement, 704.51; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,377.86/employee share retirement, 1,585.24; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 19,692.14; Centurylink, internet, 65.49; Crawford Clipper, ads, 83.31; Dooley Oil, fuel, 228.91; Groskopf Mfg., repairs, 493.074; Herren's, repairs, 250.40; Herren's, 8.99; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 78.14; Inland Truck Parts and Service, repairs, 2,862.54; Lotton's, fuel, service, 208.80; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, repairs, 96.44; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax audit, 1,470.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 824.81; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 1,619.06; NEA, electric, 64.08; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires, 2,838.75; Powerplan, repairs, 7,000.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 7,256.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,090.22 /employee share social security, 2,090.22/county share medicare, 488.85/employee share medicare, 488.85/withholding, 1,508.35; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 73.26; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repair, 350.41; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 252.01; Village of Harrison, utilities, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 83.81; WPCI, testing, 68.00.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND: Highway Improvements, Inc., repairs, 52,501.69.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, ad, 11.25; Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 1,167.21.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 1,167.22; Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 500.00; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, contribution, 65.88.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,782.65; Amazon, supplies, 506.96; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.33/employee share retirement, 80.22, Centurylink, phone/internet, 154.76; Crawford Clipper, ad, 33.00; Herren's, supplies, 24.99; Junior Library Guild, renewal, 1,357.48; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 117.20; MPC Heating & Cooling, repairs, 1,793.10; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.52; Nebraska Library Commission, overdrive subscription, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 70.39; Quill, supplies, 72.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 110.52/employee share social security 110.52/county share medicare, 25.85/employee share medicare 25.85/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 95.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 6,382.18.

EXTENSION SINKING FUND: Transfer to Sioux County General Fund, fund transfer to close fund, 3,559.69.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,883.55; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 329.64/employee share retirement, 219.76; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,522.79; Celli's Cycle Center, ATV, 7,931.00; Centurylink, internet, 65.49; Crawford Clipper, ad, 90.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 2,100.55; Herren's, supplies, 171.03; Lotton's Service & Repairs, fuel, 1,461.15; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, training, 240.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 61.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 269.45/employee share social security, 269.45/county share medicare, 63.02/employee share medicare, 63.02/ withholding, 219.97; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 14.98.



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Allen Jordan, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the board and presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Sioux County. The MOU allows Sioux County to join as a user, enabling the VSO to view and add information to the "VetraSpec" program in order to assist veterans and/or their eligible dependents to access benefits which they are entitled to by law. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to execute the MOU. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Jordan has enrolled in a course to help him identify veterans in the county who are undermet.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Jerry Berggren with Berggren Architects had a phone conference with the Board to discuss the Courthouse window project.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2022-2023 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, 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, and Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Josh Skavdahl, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 of \$46,000.00;

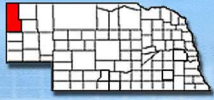
WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. Requesting a preliminary tax request for the year 2022-2023 of \$49,500 for the year 2022-2023;

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 2022-2023 of \$78,500.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,570.00 for a total of \$80,070.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2022-2023;

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 2022-2023.

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.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board.



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Nick Sanderson met with the board with an update. Sanderson has been approved for a grant for spraying on the Niobrara and White Rivers.

Jenny Nixon advised the board that the small animal show was going on. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve Annette Monserrate to serve on the Sioux County Extension Board. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. There is still one opening on the board.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted financial reports to the Board and updated them on recent activities. The new pickup he ordered is in, and nearly finished and ready to be picked up. McCumbers is looking at another new pickup for last year's price.

Slim Reece met with the board to request COVID funds to replace some equipment. Reece stated that some fire departments had received some of that funding, and would like to use those funds rather than raise the tax request. Commissioner Skavdahl advised Reece that he will get him some information on grants for bunker gear and air packs.

Jim Phipps, representing the Sioux County Museum thanked the board for their previous support, and requested \$2,000 for this year. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the funding. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps updated the board on road issues being addressed. Phipps showed pictures of a wash-out due to waste water on Cook Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to reject all of the bids on the loader that were opened previously, and rebid it. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve purchasing a new shop door for the south shop. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

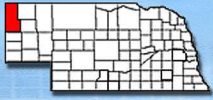
Stacey Swinney met with the board regarding the Henderson and Monasmith Bridges. Road Superintendent Phipps will get those on the bridge inventory.

An agreement with Zelle to provide human resource services to the county was reviewed with County Attorney Edmund. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the 6-month agreement. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 1, 2022.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk



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