

Sioux County Board Minutes



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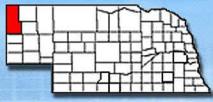
Harrison, Nebraska

October 3, 2022

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 3, 2022 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. Josh Skavdahl 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 September 1 and 6, 2022 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Geiser joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 44,844.06; 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; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 22,532.66; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 212.99; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ Crawford Clipper, notices, 832.31; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; AT & T Mobility, phone, 180.64; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies, 175.96; Harrison House Hotel, food-sheriff, 40.00; Herren's, supplies, 173.96; Lacy Klein, mileage, 87.50; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, fuel, registrations, 746.56; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 100.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,069.49; NEA, electricity, 450.71; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 204.38; Norfolk Lodge, room, 437.96; Print Express, supplies, 313.67; Quadient Leasing, postage meter lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,380.40; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,446.66/employee share social security, 2,446.66/county share medicare 572.21/employee share medicare, 572.21/withholding, 2,277.85; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.65; Staples, office supplies, 243.75; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 240.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 74.78; Village of Harrison, utilities, 585.84; Vistabeam, internet, 73.95; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 44.97; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 87.50.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 39,258.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,302.95/employee share retirement, 1,535.30; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,585.55; Centurylink, internet, 65.01; Contractors Materials, supplies, 100.00; Crawford Clipper, ads, 53.93; Dooley fuel, 5,958.09; Frank Parts, parts, 29.49; Herren's, repairs, 359.44; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 49.14; Inland Truck Parts and Service, repairs, 368.39; Lotton's, fuel, service, 422.01; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Eric McCoy, mileage, 342.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 117.55; Morrill Supply, repairs, 28.85; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax audit, 582.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 899.09; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 996.22; NEA, electric, 71.40; Jim Phipps, fuel, meals, room, 720.91; Powerplan, repairs, 4,423.88; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 9,409.56; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,156.58 /employee share social security, 2,156.58/county share medicare, 504.37/employee share medicare, 504.37/withholding, 1,719.64; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 663.05; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 500.19; Village of Harrison, utilities, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 77.52.



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VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: White River Wacipi, tourism grant, 200.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,627.33; Amazon, supplies, 610.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 109.84/employee share retirement, 73.23, Centurylink, phone/internet, 151.99; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.84; Antonio Gutierrez, repairs, 1,810.00; Herren's, supplies, 755.96; Mid America Books, books, 83.80; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 52.16; NEA, electricity, 94.88; Quill, supplies, 72.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 100.89/employee share social security 100.89/county share medicare, 23.60/employee share medicare 23.60/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 97.00.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,000.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 2,842.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,996.05; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 337.23/employee share retirement, 224.82; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,522.79; Centurylink, internet, 65.02; Crawford Clipper, ad, 99.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 3,688.70; Herren's, supplies, 67.18; Lotton's Service & Repairs, fuel, 748.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 64.60; Ramada Inn, room, 154.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 276.42/employee share social security, 276.42/county share medicare, 64.65/employee share medicare, 64.65/withholding, 230.72; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 14.98.

Northwest Nebraska Director, Kerri Rempp and Mike Kesselring gave a travel board update. Rempp provided an overview of the annual report that is available on the website Discovernwnebraska.com. The past year has been a record year, as far as mailings and social media. Lodging tax income increased in 2021. Mike Kesselring discussed television advertising for Sioux County. Kesselring also encouraged the maintenance of roads to Toadstool and Coffee Parks.

Mike Kesselring asked that the cement pad behind the courthouse be completely cleaned when it snows. Kesselring has received an estimate regarding enlarging the cement pad. Kesselring also commended the board for developing the veterans service in the area.

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 Downer to accept the window project bid. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held with the contractor regarding the timeline of the project.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein is getting ready to send out new distress warrants. Klein advised the board that the county is eligible for more ARPA funding, she is required to request the funds. The board gave approval of the request.

Nick Sanderson met with the board with an update. The helicopter was here spraying the headwaters last week. He has started spraying on the grasslands. Sanderson has noticed sandburs coming in on the roads.

Spike Jordan reported that he has passed certifications for Veteran's Service Officer. He will be working on claims for people, and will attend the VSO conference in Lincoln.



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Jenny Nixon updated the board on 4-H activities.

LeAnne Skavdahl, represented Sheriff McCumbers and submitted financial reports to the Board and updated them on recent activities. The department will be handing out Halloween bags again.

Discussion was held on insurance rates, deductible and the possibility of in-lieu-of paid to employees. Further information is needed to continue.

Michael Kurnik, Project Development Manager for Orion Renewable Energy Group and David Levy, representing Sioux County Wind, LLC met with the board to introduce Matthew Jones, Developer NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. NextEra has purchased the wind project assets from Orion, including the wind monitoring towers. A request to extend the time permitted to maintain the temporary meteorological towers associated with a proposed wind generation facility was made. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to grant the extension for a period of three years. Motion carried.

Jim Phipps met with the board and requested the approval of carry-over of vacation time for Eric McCoy. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the time. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The door will be installed in the south shop next week. Phipps has passed the test for the bridge inspector license. Private purchase of a pickup and acquiring a pickup from the sheriff's office was discussed.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase of a loader from Murphy Tractor. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2022.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk