

# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

January 3, 2023

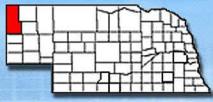
The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 3, 2023 at 9:25 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the Contryman Audit. 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, 45,635.03; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,646.77/employee share, 1,805.70; Sarah Bannan, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Blue 360 Media, LLC, manual, 90.75; Donald Brush, survey, 2,845.00; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,791.88; Centurylink, internet, 482.77/phone, 235.90; Contryman Associates, PC, audit, 12,300.00; Crawford Clipper, notices, 641.55; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Herren's, supplies, 532.89; Holiday Inn, Kearney, rooms, 959.60; Lotton's, fuel, 53.30; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Dexter Mathis, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 255.69; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,875.03; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,202.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,148.47; NEA, electricity, 1,784.20; JoElla Norman, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 227.47; Robby Rhembrandt, CPR course, 150.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 535.17; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,570.18/employee share social security, 2,570.18/county share medicare 601.07/employee share medicare, 601.07/ withholding, 2,227.68; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Josh Skavdahl, deductible reimbursement, 2,700.00; ; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Staples, office supplies, 106.92; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 97.63; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 471.88/room, 158.80.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,017.44; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 717.50; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,157.97/employee share retirement, 1,438.64; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,396.08; Centurylink, internet, 80.90; Contractors Materials, supplies, 448.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,207.57; Frank Parts, supplies, 389.44; Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, supplies, 48.69; Herren's, repairs, 267.49; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 479.80; Inland Truck Parts & Service, supplies, 4,367.41; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, 300.10; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; MBKEM Enterprise, LLC, repairs, 6,339.57; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 128.05; Morrill Supply, supplies, 95.76; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 321.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 901.49; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 460.35; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 498.10; NEA, electric, 113.59; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 142.48; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 2,800.80; James Phipps, fuel, 94.61; Powerplan, repairs, 1,210.35; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 7,217.84; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,106.75 /employee share social security, 2,106.75/county share medicare, 492.69/employee share medicare, 492.69/withholding, 1,688.29; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 358.78; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 414.29; Village of Harrison, utilities, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electricity, 117.72; WCPI, testing, 100.00; Westco, fuel, 36.43.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 485.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 300.00.



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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,697.93; Amazon, supplies, 179.30; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 114.61/employee share retirement, 76.41, Centurylink, phone/internet, 153.27; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 144.95; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 52.31; NEA, electricity, 229.81; Security First Bank, county share social security, 105.27/employee share social security 105.27/county share medicare, 24.62/employee share medicare 24.62/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 55.00.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,335.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 350.20.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,396.05; 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, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 80.90; Lotton's Service & Repairs, fuel, 30.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.21; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 150.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 177.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 179.17/employee share social security, 179.17/county share medicare, 41.90/employee share medicare, 41.90/withholding, 150.00.

Elected officials were sworn into office prior to the meeting.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Discussion was held on the current maintenance contract for the courthouse. An ad will be run to accept proposals for the snow removal and lawn care contract.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the contract for professional mineral appraisal services for tax years 2023 and 2024 with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the NE Dept. of Transportation census map submitted with no changes. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the audit performed by Contryman and Associates. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. The audit can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's office.

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

Nick Sanderson submitted his control plan to the board. Chairman Skavdahl signed the plan.

LeAnne Skavdahl submitted the monthly fee report for the sheriff's department.

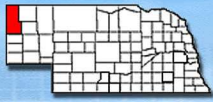
Jenny Nixon requested the approval of Nick Sanderson and Shylee Grimm to the Extension Board. Nick's term is a renewal, and Shylee Grimm is a new member. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the members. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Pesticide training will be in March at the firehall.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2023 On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2023. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve NPAIT for the investment of Sioux County Funds for 2023. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Downer to appoint Jim Phipps County Highway Superintendent for 2023. 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 2023.

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

New Year's Day– Monday, January 2, 2023 (observed)

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 16, 2023

President's Day – Monday, February 20, 2023

Arbor Day – Friday, April 28, 2023

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2023

Juneteenth-Monday, June 19, 2023

Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2023

Veteran's Day – Friday, November 10, 2023 (observed)

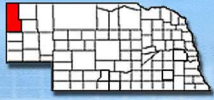
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 23, 2023

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Day -Monday, January 1, 2024

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, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps advised the board that his Superintendent certification has been upgraded to a Class A license. The incentive payment from the state will increase due to the upgraded license.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Centurylink's permit for installation of fiber optics in Morrill Road and Henry Road rights-of-way. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk