

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

March 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 1, 2023 at 9:07 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, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. 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, 47,566.44; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,626.78/employee share, 1,789.71; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,736.88; Centurylink, internet, 477.67/phone, 236.70; Lyle Claussen, deductible reimbursement, 489.30; Crawford Clipper, notices, 655.96; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Deluxe, checks, 95.00; Fire & Ice Mechanical, repair, 1,292.13; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00; Herren's, supplies, 117.06; Lacy Klein, reimbursement, 99.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 58.31; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,412.17; Kari Monroe, supplies, 75.00; NE Assn. of County Clerks, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,233.75; NEA, electricity, 1,986.76; Jenny Nixon, mileage, 459.88; Quadient Finance, postage, 1,000.00; Quill, supplies, 554.55; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 535.31; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,693.66/employee share social security, 2,693.66/county share medicare 629.99/employee share medicare, 629.99/ withholding, 2,664.84; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/ law manual, 90.75; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Joe Stecher, deductible reimbursement, 1,835.00; TGS Manufacturing, supply, 186.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund: 5,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund: 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 100,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL, fuel, 141.03; Village of Harrison, utilities, 367.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 123.09; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 259.38.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,882.20; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,388.53/employee share retirement, 1,592.33; Barco Municipal Products, supplies, 3,404.34; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,396.08; Centurylink, internet, 81.36; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 245.00; Crawford Clipper, notice, 28.06; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,274.44; Frank Parts, parts, 386.85; Herren's, repairs, 1,684.29; James Horton, pickup, 5,500.00; Jordan Ranch, LLC, gravel, 9,797.00; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, service, 175.93; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Michael Hix Construction, dirt work, 17,050.00;

Morrill Hardware, supplies, 204.36; Morrill Supply, supplies, 81.58; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 953.29; NE Dept. of Transportation, sand, 361.35; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 17,321.01; Newman Signs, signs, 325.15; NEA, electric, 390.67; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 4,087.52; James Phipps, mileage, VIN, 86.64; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, supplies, 3,188.92; Powerplan, repairs, 199.05; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 17,143.85; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,279.98 /employee share social security, 2,279.98/county share medicare, 533.22/employee share medicare, 533.22/withholding, 1,746.35; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 245.11; Squaw Creek Ranch, gravel, 11,168.00 Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 12,007.00; Steve's Truck, repair, 150.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 409.62; Village of Harrison, utilities, 93.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 123.18; WCPI, drug testing, 136.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Jean Norman, tourism, 200.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,635.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 110.41/employee share retirement, 73.61, Books-A-Million, books, 488.52; Centurylink, phone/internet, 73.98; Crawford Clipper, notice, 8.84; Demco, supplies, 86.24; Herren's, supplies, 6.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 50.97; NEA, electricity, 324.26; Quill, supplies, 106.08; Security First Bank, county share social security, 101.42/employee share social security 101.42/county share medicare, 23.72/employee share medicare 23.72/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 59.50

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,377.28.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 4,624.50; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project supplies, 27,067.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 81.37; Herren's, supplies, 15.27; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, training, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.34; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 65.50; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 150.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 177.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. 2023 agland values were reviewed.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. The county tax sale will be held Monday, March 6.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on upcoming weed spraying projects on White River.

Sheriff McCumbers provided his monthly fee report to the board. McCumbers advised the board that the new vehicle is being shipped. The contract with USDA is being reviewed.

Spike Jordan, Veteran's Service Officer reported that he will be attending a conference in Broken Bow at the end of April.

Jenny Nixon gave updates regarding upcoming seminars and workshops.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps requested that Bill Mack be allowed to carry over 29 hours of vacation time. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the carry-over. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign a gravel contract with Chase Staudenmaier. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Gravel has been crushed at the Lange, Jordan and Staudenmaier pits.

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, pursuant to Sioux County's regulations. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on chip-sealing Liberty Oil Road, Morrill Road and Monroe Canyon Roads.

Jessie McDonald, recently hired government trapper introduced himself to those in attendance.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Glen and Joan Patrone and Linda Stangle 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.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 3, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk