

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 3, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 3, 2023 at 9:25 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. Josh Skavdahl 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 March 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. 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, 50,081.92; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,712.00/employee share, 1,850.03; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,736.88; Centurylink, internet, 479.85/phone, 236.70; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00; Lotton's, fuel, 39.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 101.84; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,339.37; NEA, electricity, 1,822.39; Panhandle Assessors Association, dues, 100.00; Quadient Leasing, lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 601.36; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,849.62/employee share social security, 2,849.62/county share medicare 666.44/employee share medicare, 666.44/ withholding, 2,793.47; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund: 1,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 110,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 367.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 506.32.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,308.62; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,176.95/employee share retirement, 1,451.27; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,328.58; Donald Brush, survey, 2,620.00; Centurylink, internet, 83.40; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 105.00; Pepper Dodge, CDL reimbursement, 100.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 3,843.56; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 13.40; Herren's, repairs, 304.44; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 74.57; K Farms, gravel, 14,194.12; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, service, 271.24; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 585.77; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 163.65; Morrill Supply, supplies, 256.45; NE Motor Fuels Division, fuel tax, 177.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 956.69; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 7,176.19; NEA, electric, 307.67; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 224.27; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 851.83; Powerplan, repairs, 1,288.35; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 5,832.74; RTS Shearing, gravel

crushing, 100,000.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,146.05 /employee share social security, 2,146.05/county share medicare, 501.91/employee share medicare, 501.91/withholding, 1,927.73; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 171.54; Staples, supplies, 289.96; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 434.15; Village of Harrison, utilities, 115.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 115.32.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 300.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 300.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,806.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.95/employee share retirement, 81.30, Books-A-Million, books, 436.87; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.69; Herren's, supplies, 11.99; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.66; NEA, electricity, 312.39; Quill, supplies, 280.78; Security First Bank, county share social security, 112.01/employee share social security 112.01/county share medicare, 26.20/employee share medicare 26.20/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,188.64.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 110,000.00

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 877.00.

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, 83.40; Herren's, supplies, 35.47; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.34; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 192.93; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 445.40; 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.

Mike Kesselring and Kerri Rempp met with the board to discuss tourism. A letter of support from the Sioux County Travel and Tourism Board for a full-time permanent USDA trapper was presented to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the appointment of Rick Arnold to be a voting member on the tourism board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Lodging tax was discussed. Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Geiser to grant Kerri Rempp the authority to educate businesses to collect lodging tax. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Kesselring encouraged the board to keep product on Sowbelly and Toadstool Roads and keep them maintained, promoting tourism. Weight restrictions on Toadstool Road during the spring is helpful. The exit signs on both ends of Harrison will be updated. The board was invited to the tourism workshop on April 20 at the Dawes County Fairgrounds. Sioux County Fair and Rodeo has been nominated for a tourism award, that will be awarded that day as well. Mike is holding "Living Sober" meetings on the second Sunday of every month at 5:30 at his house.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. 2023 agland values were reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve a Contract for Appraisal Services with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to allow employees not on BC/BS insurance to receive Life Insurance and Long Term Disability through NACO, and allowing employees who are covered under the Basic Life the option to purchase supplemental life insurance. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motin carried.

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

The Nebraska Extension Annual Report for Sioux County was submitted.

Nick Sanderson shared a letter he had received from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program, stating that he received the Outstanding Superintendent for Region 5 award from Nebraska Weed Control Association.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps submitted an application from Lonnie Douthit to bury a pipeline under Rimrock Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Centurylink's permit for installation of fiber optics in Morrill Road and Henry Road rights-of-way was discussed. More information will be requested.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to surplus road inventory as follows: 2004 Chevy pickup, 2002 Dodge pickup, portable rock crusher and a camper shell. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the purchase of a 2012 pickup from federal surplus for \$13,500. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps will be advertising for a road employee.

Allen Jordan gave a legislative update.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

