

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 1, 2023 at 9:00 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 May 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 49,418.82; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,673.09/employee share, 1,822.58; Aging Office of Western NE. 2023 assessment, 728.00; Applied Concepts, radar unit, 1,444.00; Beef State Agency, worker's comp and liability, 1,275.54; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bob Ruwart Motors, 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe, down payment, 9,450.00; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,681.88; Centurylink, internet, 479.54/phone, 235.93; Crawford Clipper, publications, 275.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 134.28; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00/reimbursements, 6,042.53; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.16; gWorks, GIS yearly fee, 8,795.00; Herren's, supplies, 51.29; Lacy Klein, mileage, 91.70; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 408.18; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,783.95; NACO, dues, 1,204.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,283.34; NEA, electricity, 1,345.06; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, supplies, 787.99; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 468.37; Panhandle Co. Assessors Association, training, 227.60; Pritchard & Abbott, mineral appraisal, 300.00; Quadiant Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 265.04; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 1,113.78; Riverside Technologies, inc., computers, 6,564.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,808.51/employee share social security, 2,808.51/county share medicare 656.84/employee share medicare, 656.84/ withholding, 2,665.83; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Dan Skavdahl, room, mileage, 833.96; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/dues & seminar, 1,175.00; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 8.23; Stanard Appraisal Service, Inc., appraisal, 6,863.00; Star Herald, subscription, 358.59; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 3,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,000.00; 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, 109.60; UNL- Extension, Box Butte County, fuel, 28.53; Village of Harrison, utilities, 369.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, camera, 213.67.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,216.54; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement,

2,160.26/employee share retirement, 1,440.15; Beef State Agency, worker's comp, liability, 3,714.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,328.58; Cody Bruegger, welding, 487.50; Centurylink, internet, 82.77; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 1,244.33; Crawford Clipper, ads, 86.20; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,842.18; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 41.46; Frank Parts, parts, 93.36; Groskopf Manufacturing, repairs, 9,907.58; Herren's, repairs, 7,785.99; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 12.00; Lotton's, repairs, 120.37; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Modern Farm Equipment, tractor rental, 4,200.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 47.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 942.86; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 1,021.91; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 1,535.34; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 715.75; Powerplan, repairs, 919.32; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 15,413.24; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,140.33 /employee share social security, 2,140.33/county share medicare, 500.57/employee share medicare, 500.57/withholding, 1,910.59; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 177.25; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 39.90; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 763.52; Village of Harrison, utilities, 97.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 82.02, WPCI, screening, 136.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 132.65.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 142.50.

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, recording books, 1,226.41.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,890.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 127.59/employee share retirement, 85.06, Books-A-Million, books, 457.98; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.47; Crawford Clipper, publications, 8.16; Herren's, supplies, 18.98; Junior Library Guild, books, 67.14; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 81.46; NEA, electricity, 120.96; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 113.41; Security First Bank, county share social security, 117.19/employee share social security 117.19/county share medicare, 27.41/employee share medicare 27.41/withholding, 100.00; VFW Hall, rental, 75.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,231.22.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 2,194.00.

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; Beef State Agency, worker's comp, 204.24; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 82.78; Crawford Clipper, ads, 270.00; Herren's, supplies, 312.13; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, repairs, 857.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.34; Nick Sanderson, mileage, software, 216.87; 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, 175.00.

Jesse McDonald, USDA trapper and Gale Henry met with the board. McDonald presented the 2023-2024 contract for predator control services. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the contract. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. McDonald would like

to purchase a thermal scope and split the cost with Dawes County. Jake Stewart entered the meeting and said that Dawes County would be willing to split that cost. Gale Henry stated that Jesse is a good person, and we need to keep him. Henry appreciates the county's help with the predator control.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Zimmerman asked that 4 computers with monitors be added to the surplus property list, to be advertised for sale. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to add the items. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

July 27 and 28 were set for protest hearing dates.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Geiser to appoint Michelle Zimmerman the budget making authority for 2023-2024. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a contract with Rustin Starkey for grounds maintenance services. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update on spraying. Noel Santistevan has started spraying. Sanderson would like to increase Santistevan's wages and to reimburse him for use of his 4-wheeler. The items will be added to his budget.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. The Tahoe is coming, and equipment will be installed. McCumbers wants to auction off the Charger as is. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the 2023 USDA contract. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Allen Jordan VSO updated the board on the new VSO program. Amy Buckley is the new post commander. Jordan would like to get the monument on the lawn cleaned. Jordan gave a legislative update and also discussed other items of interest.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on summer 4-H activities. Nixon is working on getting more educators in the northern panhandle.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Sioux County Employee Handbook provided by Zelle HR. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Meetings with employees will be held to go over the new handbook.

An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on Cottonwood Road submitted by Fox Ranch, LLC, Emery Fox was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on S-4 Road submitted by Tony Hill was reviewed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on Vogl Loop submitted by Mobius Communications Fox was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Eric McCoy met with the board on current road projects. Phipps informed the board that Eric McCoy has passed his Road Superintendent License test. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to permit Phipps to advertise for one additional position for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A chip/seal project on Monroe Canyon Road was discussed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to go ahead with the chip/seal project. 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 1:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 3, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk