

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 3, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 3, 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. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser 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, 51,232.56; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 125.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,646.40/employee share, 1,803.55; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Laura Button supplies, 20.32; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,444.88; Centurylink, internet, 476.57/phone, 235.93; Comfort Inn, room, 389.85; Connecting Point, copier, 76.67; Crawford Clipper, publications, 268.82; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 300.00; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00/reimbursements, 3,213.10; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.16; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 603.91; gWorks, GIS yearly fee, 210.00; Herren's, supplies, 44.26; Holiday Inn, Kearney, rooms, 639.80; Steve Johnson, mileage, 65.50; Lacy Klein, mileage/meals, 143.74; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 316.54; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 75.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; Monument Inn & Suites, room, 315.00; NACO, registrations, 275.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,333.92; NEA, electricity, 713.30; Print Express, supplies, 414.28; Quadiant Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quadiant Leasing, postage meter, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 26.07; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 302.02; 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 County Court, court costs, 51.50; Sioux County Historical Society, museum grant, 2,000.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/certified copy, 12.50; Staples, supplies 430.07; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 170,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 8,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL- Extension, fuel, 113.58; Village of Harrison, utilities, 381.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 742.12.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,023.99; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,383.32/employee share retirement, 1,588.85; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Centurylink, internet, 83.42; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 69.00; Herren's, repairs, 352.16; Horse

Creek Tire, supplies, 109.00; KD Contractors, gravel, 28,797.60; Lotton's, repairs, 17.50; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 76.99; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 427.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 998.58; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,624.70; NEA, electricity, 41.25; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 249.29; James Phipps, room, 294.00; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 831.37; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,601.68; Ron's S & T, gravel hauling, 21,212.20; 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; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 151.20; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 183.47; V & T Trucking, hauling, 23,091.80; Village of Harrison, utilities, 103.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 81.35, WPCI, screening, 136.00; Wilburn's Transmissions, repair, 2,189.27.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 625.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,966.54; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 132.74/employee share retirement, 88.49, Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 79.95; Books-A-Million, books, 463.48; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.31; Crawford Clipper, publications, 45.00; Herren's, supplies, 11.28; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 188.43; Mid America Books, books, 137.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 83.29; NEA, electricity, 90.32; Quill Corporation, supplies, 99.99; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 136.84; 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; Village of Harrison, water, 79.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 241,278.00.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,374.66.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 6,580.00; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 162,904.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,047.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 340.74/employee share retirement, 227.16; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 83.42; Heritage Seed, chemical, 274.20; Herren's, supplies, 196.99; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 245.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NAISMA, subscription, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 89.11; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 79.99; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 111.35; 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.

A phone conference was held with Jerry Berggren, Architect, and Randal Weber, Custom Woodworking, on the courthouse window project. Change orders were discussed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to authorize Chairman Skavdahl to sign the change order regarding the items discussed. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Michelle Zimmerman's Three-year plan of Assessment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve The State Print Shop as the printer for LB644 pink postcards again this year. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Megan Ware, National Insurance Services met with the board to explain supplemental life insurance coverages available to Sioux County employees.

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

Spike Jordan discussed several building issues with the VFW hall, such as the roof and water damage around the glass blocks. Spike is looking for grants and help from the community for the renovations. Mike Felton will be at the courthouse on August 5 to look at the memorial on the lawn, to be cleaned. Jordan is also having issues with the new VSO program, as is everyone in the state. Jordan gave an update on the Nebraska Brand Committee.

Amy Buckley, Post Commander met with the board to discuss issues with the VFW hall as well. Amy asked for the support of the board in seeking funding for a new building, replacing the current VFW hall, to be used as a community center. The board will write a letter in support of Amy pursuing the funding.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on spraying.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. His new Tahoe has been delivered. The Charger is ready to surplus. The Ram sustained hail damage. The Sheriff's Department will be attending training in July.

Jenny Nixon updated the board and gave the board a fair flyer. Ashley Ahrens has been hired. She will be working out of Chadron, and will be in the Sioux County office one day a week. Jenny's position will be filled in Rushville.

Jim Phipps, museum board member requested \$2,000 to support the museum. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the request. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. The road guys have been busy doing storm damage repair. There was hail damage on several vehicles.

Kerri Rempp, Discover Northwest Nebraska Director met with the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Ulik and Jason Gray to the Sioux County Travel Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve grants of \$650 for 2022 and the following for 2023: \$885 to the Sioux County Fairboard, and \$250 each for hog wrestling, parade and demolition derby, provided they make application for those funds. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to authorize Chairman Skavdahl to sign a letter to

the Department of Revenue requesting a current listing of lodging permit holders. 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 1:12 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk