

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 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. 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 Downer to approve the minutes of the July 3 and 27, 2023 meetings. 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, 51,423.93; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,643.93/employee share, 1,801.93; Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 2024 assessment, 636.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,835.58; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 6,054.88; Centurylink, internet, 938.75/phone, 235.97; Connecting Point, copier, 586.84; Crawford Clipper, publications, 226.86; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 56.32; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 1,355.04; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.16; gWorks, GIS yearly fee, 1,654.00; Herren's, supplies, 125.74; Lacy Klein, mileage, 91.70; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 53.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 372.38; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,378.44; Motorola Solutions, Inc., sheriff equipment, 6,575.40; NACO, workshop registration, 135.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,315.98; NEA, electricity, 581.67; Panhandle Area Development District, 23/24 support, 788.48; Platte Valley Bank, Sheriff Tahoe payment, 9,372.62; Quadient Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 315.40; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 398.91; Scotts Bluff Co. Sheriff's Office, court cost, 200.52; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,924.60/employee share social security, 2,924.60/county share medicare 683.96/employee share medicare 683.96/ withholding, 2,718.08; Sioux County Clerk of the District Court, court costs, 468.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Sioux County Treasurer, title-Sheriff, 22.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Standard Appraisal Service, appraisal fee, 6,863.00; Staples, supplies 35.11; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 75,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 17,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 110,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL- Extension, fuel, 206.06; UNL Extension, Box Butte County, state car, 207.35; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 17,243.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.75; Village of Harrison, swimming pool, 1,000.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,511.30; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,603.24/employee share retirement, 1,735.46; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33;

Centurylink, internet, 82.20; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 483.60; Crawford Clipper, ads, 58.80; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,712.89; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 33.29; Frank Parts, parts, 10.33; Herren's, repairs, 35.60; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 367.86; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 219.80; KD Contractors, tax on gravel, 1,295.89; Lotton's, repairs, 493.10; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 21.98; Morrill Supply, supplies, 45.36; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,000.26; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 6,701.96; NEA, electricity, 83.84; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repair, 545.00; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 537.18; James Phipps, supplies, 23.88; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 1,459.54; Powerplan, repairs, 699.33; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,960.66; RTS Shearing, gravel crushing, 102,384.68; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,231.02 /employee share social security, 2,231.02/county share medicare, 521.78/employee share medicare, 521.78/withholding, 2,056.64; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; Thompson Glass, Inc., glass, 285.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 697.10; Village of Harrison, utilities, 109.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 88.01, WPCI, screening, 68.00.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND: Topkote, chip seal Monroe Canyon Road, 30,369.69.

SPECIAL ROAD FUND: Topkote, chip seal Monroe Canyon Road, 300,000.00.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, advertising, 1,099.40; Sioux County Rodeo, fair, 600.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, advertising, 1,099.40.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,683.01; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 113.60/employee share retirement, 75.74, Books-A-Million, books, 388.76; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.24; Crawford Clipper, publications, 45.00; Herren's, supplies, 13.99; Junior Library Guild, books, 1,556.10; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; Mid America Books, books, 137.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 76.99; Nebraska Library Commission, program, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 79.30; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 135.98; Security First Bank, county share social security, 104.35/employee share social security 104.35/county share medicare, 24.40/employee share medicare 24.40/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 103.50.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,312.44.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 100,000.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 9,352.18; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 65,346.75.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,237.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 353.56/employee share retirement, 235.71; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 82.21; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,198.40; Herren's, supplies, 104.45; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 925.25; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 94.95; Security First Bank, county share social

security, 292.20/employee share social security, 292.20/county share medicare, 68.34/employee share medicare, 68.34/ withholding, 261.59; Simplot Grower Solutions, chemical, 6,197.50.

A meeting was held with Jerry Berggren, Architect and Randal Weber, with a review of the window project. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the reduction of the retainage from 10% to 5%. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. A substantial completion review will be done on August 13.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve an agreement with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin to provide additional life insurance to employees. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. A budget workshop will be held on August 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2023-2024 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. 77-3443, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners received preliminary property tax requests from the following political subdivisions: Village of Harrison, Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, Sioux County Fair, and Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. The following resolutions were all adopted by a motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, yes; Dower, yes; Skavdahl yes. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has the duty of reviewing and either approving or disapproving the levy request of all political subdivisions allowed to levy a tax for tax year 2023-2024 under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Village of Harrison Nebraska, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2023-2024 of \$46,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sheep Creek & Farmers Rural Fire. Requesting a preliminary tax request for the year 2023-2024 of \$49,500 for the year 2023-2024;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Harrison Rural Fire Protection District, requesting a preliminary tax request for tax year 2023-2024 of \$85,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,700.00 for a total of \$86,700.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2023-2024;

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the tax request submitted by the Sioux County Fair requesting a preliminary tax request of \$38,100.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$762.00 for a total of \$38,862.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2023-2024.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the requested tax requests submitted by the foregoing political subdivisions under Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-3443(8) providing the County with the responsibility of allocating up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority under subsection (1) of 77-3443 and not specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property.

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

Spike Jordan advised the board that he is working on getting veterans to a free dental clinic on October 6 and 7, with a mission to treat 2,000 veterans in Nebraska. Spike is also working on expanding homestead exemptions for veterans.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. McCumbers advised the board that the Dodge Ram that sustained hail damage will be converted and given to the road department. McCumbers doesn't want to outfit the 2017 with over 80,000 miles on it. McCumbers has found a 2023 Ram pickup that will be \$41,958.89 plus upfit costs of \$10,248. The 2022 Ram has a balance of \$29,363.78, with a payment due and the Tahoe payment of \$9,373 will be paid this month, leaving a balance of \$33,719. The 2017 would cost another \$2,000 to fully equip. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to surplus the 2011 Dodge Charger. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jenny Nixon and Ashley Ahrens updated the board and discussed the extension budget request. They are requesting hiring another 60% person to keep the office open. They would not need summer interns if there are two 60% employees. Jenny gave an update on fair activities.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects, Sugar Factory Road and Hanley Roads are being finished up. Two road vehicles sustained hail damage. The 2012 Silverado damage pay will be \$7,540, and it will be kept. The 2008 Canyon received damage in the amount of \$6,458. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the 2008 Canyon pickup. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Lumen Right of Way agreement. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

David Welanko, Grant Specialist with Panhandle Area Development District met with the board to advise them on grants that are available. The county can let them know what we are looking for, and they will look into it.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

