

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 2, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 2, 2023 at 12:50 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. 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 September 1 and 11, 2023 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 48,564.04; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ashley Ahrens, mileage, 198.84; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,858.07/employee share, 1,945.36; Beef State Agency, insurance-sheriff vehicle, 1,835.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,527.14; Centurylink, phone, 808.69/ internet, 235.97; Country Inn & Suites, room, 408.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 215.64; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 301.76; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 307.43; Fairfield Inn & Suites, room, 628.80; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 3,298.72; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.08; Herren's, supplies, 105.98; Juhlin Plumbing, building repair, 825.76; Lacy Klein, mileage, 131.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, 139.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 181.87; Midwest Special Services, transport, 708.55; Mike's Lawn Service, grounds repair, 1,250.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; Mobius, fiber install, 13,000.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 36.46; NE Secretary of State, training, 40.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,250.72; NEA, electricity, 552.00; William Peters, court cost, 212.00; Print Express, supplies, 82.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing, meter lease, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 134.93; Krissa Randall, court cost, 170.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 868.91; Roberts Electric, building, 187.50; Ron's Taxidermy & Gun, scope, 5,000.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,746.55/employee share social security, 2,746.55/county share medicare 642.35/employee share medicare 642.35/ withholding, 2,698.24; Carol Sinner, court cost, 170.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.34; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Joe Stecher, mileage, 91.70; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund MIPS, 6,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 12,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 60,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Tyler Technologies, VSO program, 449.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 102.94; Village of Harrison, utilities, 639.75; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Zelle Human Resource Solutions, HR, 4,260.69; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 128.38.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,130.33; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,641.27/employee share retirement, 1,760.82; Big Iron Auctions, service truck, 17,025.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 82.72; Crowne Plaza, room, 170.10; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,979.10; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 1,166.70; Frank Parts, parts, 106.09; Groskopf Manufacturing, parts, 649.00; Herren's, repairs, 83.02; Lotton's, repairs, 464.05; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 31.39; Morrill Supply, supplies, 31.05; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 398.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,030.24; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 21,331.83; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 1,920.98; NEA, electricity, 81.27; James Phipps, postage, 22.98; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 262.70; Powerplan, repairs, 7,0853.32; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,522.38; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,269.40 /employee share social security, 2,269.40/county share medicare, 530.75/employee share medicare, 530.75/withholding, 2,125.51; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 219.56; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repair, 758.43; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 626.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 111.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 95.21.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 885.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 414.54.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,802.96; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.70/employee share retirement, 81.13, Books-A-Million, books, 354.41; Centurylink, phone/internet, 83.10; Crawford Clipper, ad, 88.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.58; NEA, electricity, 98.67; Security First Bank, county share social security, 111.78/employee share social security 111.78/county share medicare, 26.14/employee share medicare 26.14/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 103.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 6,143.32.

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, 82.73; Crawford Clipper, ad, 187.50; Heritage Seed, chemical, 2,364.40; Herren's, supplies, 48.93; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 927.75; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 94.95; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 94.32; 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;

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. The board read a letter of resignation from Mike Wickersham from the zoning board. Motion by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the resignation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

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

LeAnne Skavdahl submitted the sheriff's fee report to the board. All distress warrants have been collected. The Sheriff's department is at a conference in Kearney.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on spraying being done currently.

Rob Eirich and Ashley Ahrens met with the board to discuss an interlocal agreement for extension services. The staffing in the Sioux County office was discussed. Jenny Nixon's and Jack Arterburn's vacant positions will be filled, they are hoping to gain some presence in the office. Interns have been hired for the summer in the past, and they are hoping to get some of that funding back. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to raise Laura Button's wage to \$15.00 per hour. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Fox met with the board to request gravel on Toadstool Road north of his place.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects.

Three bids were opened for providing 4000 gallons of propane for the road department. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the bid submitted by Panhandle Coop for \$1.69 per gallon. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a stop sign agreement with NE Dept. of Transportation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a quote from Contractor Services, Inc. for \$12,000 to put the highway markings on Monroe Canyon Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Brad Thomsen met with the board, and discussions were revisited about closing the north end of Indian Creek Road. Discussions will continue.

CAT representatives discussed the rebuild of the 140H blade with Road Superintendent Phipps and the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to go ahead with the repairs. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2023.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

