

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 1, 2023 at 9:10 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 Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the November 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, 49,088.71; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,967.90/employee share, 2,057.76; AT&T, phone system, 865.44; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,433.88; Centurylink, phone, 963.38; Contryman Associates, P.C., audit, 12,600.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 58.02; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 2,700.76; AT & T Mobility, phones, 230.60; Hagen, back door, 15,600.00; Herren's, supplies, 43.46; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 97.63; Lacy Klein, mileage, 91.70; Lotton's Service, fuel, 121.05; Centurylink, phone, 237.11; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 22.44; Midwest Connect, postage, 59.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; Melissa Mracek, fuel, 103.14; NACO, dues, 1,204.70; NE Assoc. of County Assessors, meals, 25.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,247.62; NE Sheriffs Association, dues, 235.00; NEA, electricity, 936.28; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 180.55; Quadient Finance, USA, postage, 500.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 787.89; Rodak Law Office, court costs, 531.40; Scottsbluff County Treasurer, district court cost, 983.98; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,779.08/employee share social security, 2,779.08/county share medicare 649.97/employee share medicare 649.97/ withholding, 2,685.37; Sioux County Court, court costs, 17.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 70,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 369.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 183.40.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,757.99; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,654.74/employee share retirement, 1,769.80; Beef State Agency, insurance, 238.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 83.37; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,970.01; Floyd's Truck, repairs, 257.12; Frank Parts, parts, 141.99; Herren's, repairs, 313.97; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 132.28; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 821.93; Lotton's, repairs, 716.00; Madison National Life ins., life insurance,

61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Co. Highway Dept., cost share, 31,072.02; Morrill Supply, supplies, 25.58; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,054.95; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 3,045.76; NEA, electricity, 103.33; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repairs, 45.00; Panhandle Coop System, repairs, 132.37; James Phipps, registrations, inspection, 160.00; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 4,298.17; Powerplan, repairs, 899.60; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,791.37; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,370.31 /employee share social security, 2,370.31/county share medicare, 554.35/employee share medicare, 554.35/withholding, 2,144.59; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 98.41; Stacy Swinney, bridge inspections, 6,019.85; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 816.81; Village of Harrison, utilities, 106.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 96.19, WPCI, employee drug testing, 508.00; Michelle Zimmerman, GMC pickup, 11,000.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,788.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.72/employee share retirement, 80.48, Books-A-Million, books, 287.15; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.16; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.27; NEA, electricity, 131.22; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 126.59; Security First Bank, county share social security, 110.88/employee share social security 110.88/county share medicare, 25.93/employee share medicare 25.93/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 63.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Courthouse Building Fund, interest, 154.21.

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, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 83.37; Lincoln Mariott, Cornhusker, room, 297.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Herren's, supplies, 170.46; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 360.70; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Assn, dues, 210.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.74; Panhandle Weed Control Assn, dues, 50.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 91.70; Security First Bank, county share social security, 184.32/employee share social security, 184.32/county share medicare, 43.11/employee share medicare, 43.11/ withholding, 175.00.

Librarian Sarah Sanderson met with the board and voiced concerns about snow shoveling and mowing at the library. Commissioner Skavdahl will address the issue with Rustin Starkey. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the appointment of Barb Baker to the library board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. The board approved the Prairie Art Guild's use of the courthouse basement to paint murals.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the salary resolution for elected officials. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Spike Jordan advised the board that he has lost three members of the Veteran’s Advisory Board. Jordan will bring names for approval to the January meeting. Jordan is working with veterans for additional benefits.

Nick Sanderson provided the office evaluation from the NE Dept. of agriculture. Sanderson is working on the control plan to be approved at the January meeting. Sanderson will be using the de-icer around the courthouse again this year.

Sheriff McCumbers gave an update of recent activities. The “Drive sober or get pulled over” campaign will begin on December 13. 2023- hour requirements have been completed. A new phone system will be operational on December 18.

Ashley Ahrens and Kathy Griesse updated the board on upcoming extension office programs. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Cooperative Extension Servies. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Griesse told the board that the extension board would like to be more hands on with what is going on, and have a better working relationship with the fair board.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2023-, the resolution directs Jim Phipps, County Highway Superintendent to study and make a recommendation to the board regarding the closure of part of Indian Creek Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. Phipps discussed the replacement of equipment. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to surplus G2 and one pickup. 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 1:07 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet January 2, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk