



# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

January 2, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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 December 3 and 17, 2018 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 34,844.23; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 139.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,274.00/employee share, 1,542.39; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Blue 360 Media, supplies, 71.25; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 374.68; Contryman Associates, P.C., audit, 11,550.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 201.20; Lela Daniels, mileage, 65.40; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; ES & S, elections, 331.78; Fairfield Inn & Suites, room, 219.90; Gall's, LLC, supplies, 182.00; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 380.41; Hampton Inn, rooms, 989.55; Herren's, supplies, 9.68; Lacy Klein, mileage, 366.24; Kreider Insurance, bonds, 668.50; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 16.90; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.53; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,167.36; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 868.17; NE Sheriffs' Association, dues, 115.00; NeoFunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 1,584.06; NEA, repair, 384.57; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 206.93; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 493.77; Quill Corporation, supplies, 90.14; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 91.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,882.48/employee share social security, 1,882.48/county share medicare, 440.24/employee share medicare, 440.24/ withholding, 1,939.17 Security First Bank, box rent, 17.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33/ funding for account, 12,000.00; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Staples, supplies, 448.98; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; UNL, extension salary, 11,532.60; Viaero Wireless, phone, 126.12; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 183.12.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 27,891.15 AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 26.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 229.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,864.92/employee share retirement, 1,243.25; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,280.92; Centurylink, internet, 54.86; Contractor Materials, supplies, 16.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 40.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 5,309.33; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 100.08; GMC of Chadron, repairs, 2,972.05; Herren's, supply, 112.47; Horse Creek Tire, tires, 1,028.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supply, 31.31; Morrill Supply, supplies, 127.34; Motor Fuel Division, gas tax, 59.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 488.01; NE Machinery, repairs, 2,217.76; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 285.36; NEA, electric, 86.54; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 777.01; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,522.01; Powerplan, repairs, 1,429.82; Sandberg Implement, repairs, 306.77; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,511.51/employee share social security, 1,511.51/county share medicare, 353.49/employee share medicare, 353.49/withholding, 883.47; Skeeter's Napa, parts,



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422.92; Squaw Creek Ranch, gravel, 940.00; TDS, garbage, 50.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 245.38; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Village of Morrill, electricity, 107.26; WPCI, drug testing, 100.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, promotions, 2,571.48.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,027.50; Amazon, supplies, 323.51; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 69.36/employee share retirement, 46.24; Bloomers, LLC, supply, 38.95; Bluff's Sanitary Supply, supplies, 27.99; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.27; Crawford Clipper, publications, 5.70; Demco, books, 91.43; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 2.47; NEA, utilities, 209.34; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 71.94; Security First Bank, county share social security, 63.71/employee share social security 63.71/county share medicare, 14.90/employee share medicare 14.90; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.34; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 203.67/employee share retirement, 135.78; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 54.86; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 24.87; NE Weed Control Assn., dues, 125.00; Panhandle Weed Control Assn., dues, 50.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 56.68; Security First Bank, county share social security, 159.16/employee share social security, 159.16/county share medicare, 37.22/employee share medicare, 37.22/ withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county, and anticipated January and February expenses.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to require employees to submit claims for reimbursement of their remaining deductibles for each year prior to March 1 of the year following service. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Nick Sanderson submitted his yearly control plan. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Sanderson has received \$6,200 for right of way spraying on forest service land.

Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities.

Jenny Nixon and Jeanna Boland discussed extension activities with the board.

Motion made by Hal Downer seconded by J. W. Geiser to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2019. Upon roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by J. W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer, the following appointments were adopted for 2019.

Aging Agency of Western Nebraska – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Region 1 Office of Human Development – Rep. Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Development Disabilities Services – Joshua Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Panhandle Mental Health Board – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer, alternate Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Public Health District – Rep. Allerton Hal Downer and J. Adam Edmund; Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer; Northwest Community Action Board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Josh Skavdahl; Region 23 Emergency Management board – Rep. J.W. Geiser, alternate Allerton Hal Downer or Joshua Skavdahl; Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development Board – Rep. Josh Skavdahl, alternate Allerton Hal Downer. PADD – Josh/Hal

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the following Legal Holidays:

New Year's Day– Monday, January 1, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 21, 2018

President's Day – Monday, February 18, 2019

Arbor Day – Friday, April 26, 2019

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2019

Veteran's Day (observed) – Monday, November 11, 2018

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28, 2019

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29, 2019

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Christmas Day– Wednesday, December 25, 2019

New Year's Day -Wednesday, January 1, 2020

On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2019. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Dunn and Terry Gillett met with the board, Gary Thayer and Gordon Mathis with concerns on the Pleasant Ridge Road. Dunn stated that he appreciates the work done on the roads. Roads are going downhill and it comes down to



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money and time. Dunn questioned whether the county could hire independent contractors, and that if we don't start rebuilding roads, we aren't going to have anything. Dunn couldn't get trucks out so he had to put off delivering his cattle. Federal money for help on roads was discussed. The one and six year road plans were discussed. Discussion was held on priority areas. Mathis said he would visit with Kevin and Scott Grote about using gravel on Pleasant Ridge Road. Terry Gillett explained that sandstone was used below the gravel on a portion of the road and it worked really well, it's worth saving. Dunn said that if it is elevated right and native gravel is used, it will hold for a long time. Dunn offered help looking for gravel or whatever needs to be done to help out. Gillett is willing to go out and look at the road with Gordon to show him some issues.

Gary Thayer reported on the sign project. Gordon said that it is about 40% done with the project since he has slowed them down and they are addressing it. The sign project should be done by the next meeting.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk





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February 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Tim Kreider opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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 January 2, 2019 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 36,258.80; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,338.37/employee share, 1,586.18; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.48; Crawford Clipper, publications, 157.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Hal Downer, mileage, 316.10; Kreider Insurance, workers comp, insurance, 18,195.00; Lotton Supply, fuel, 26.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 34.11; Midwest Connect, supplies, 270.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,497.12; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.28; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 922.02; NEA, electric, 1,958.08; Panhandle Co. Assessors Association, dues, 75.00; Panhandle County Treasurer's Association, dues, 10.00; Panhandle District Association, dues, 350.00; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 277.55; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 488.40; Quill Corporation, supplies, 239.05; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Roanco Sprinklers, service sprinklers, 65.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 91.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,960.40/employee share social security, 1,960.40/county share medicare, 458.51/employee share medicare, 458.51/ withholding, 2,042.88; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Staples, supplies, 174.39; Joe Stecher, mileage, 81.20; Transfer to Inheritance Fund, repay loan, 34,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 11,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 62,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 201.26; Viaero Wireless, phone, 125.61; Village of Harrison, utilities, 335.94; Vistabeam, internet, 127.90; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 241.28.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,948.44; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 564.33; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 229.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,937.31/employee share retirement, 1,291.48; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 16,280.92; Cody Bruegger, welding, 1,050.00; Centurylink, internet, 54.26; Contractor Materials, supplies, 1,695.00; Dale's Tire, tires, 2,222.52; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 2,262.38; Frank Parts, parts, 63.39; Herren's, supply, 542.96; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 14.02; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Kreider Insurance Agency, workers comp, insurance, 69,675.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 328.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 80.89; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 498.27; NE Machinery, repairs, 4,594.64; NEA, electric, 137.84; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 2,547.89; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,432.93; Powerplan, repairs, 425.89; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,550.33/employee share social security, 1,550.33/county share medicare, 362.58/employee share medicare, 362.58/withholding, 910.95; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 346.66; Steve's Truck & Equipment, repairs, 40.00; Gary Thayer,



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mileage, 467.84; U-Save Mart, fuel, 177.41; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Vulcan, Inc., signs, 1,438.01; WPCI, drug testing, 81.50.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Flagship Publishing, tourism ad, 710.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,328.70; Amazon, supplies, 414.03; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 89.69/employee share retirement, 59.79; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.25; Herren's, supplies, 27.48; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 1,497.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 6.78; NEA, utilities, 264.46; Security First Bank, county share social security, 82.38/employee share social security 82.38/county share medicare, 19.27/employee share medicare 19.27; Vernon Library Supplies, Inc., supplies, 126.01; Village of Harrison, utilities, 75.00; Western Library System, workshop, 10.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 209.78/employee share retirement, 139.85; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 54.26; Herren's, supplies, 111.23; Kreider Insurance, worker's comp., insurance, 5,684.00; Lotton's Service, repairs, 284.11; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.66; Quill, supplies, 31.95; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 60.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.77/employee share social security, 164.77/county share medicare, 38.54/employee share medicare, 38.54/ withholding, 150.00.

Tim Kreider introduced Justin Tollman to the board. Justin is working with Tim at Kreider Insurance. Tim reviewed the county's 2019 insurance policy with the board.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Jada Thompson, Contryman Associates auditor was contacted for a phone conference concerning the county audit and current financial status. Thompson advised the board that there will be a note of going concern on the audit again next year. Thompson stated that the road fund expenses are running high, with road employees being about two to three higher than other counties she has compared us to. We need to look at cutting expenses. Thompson would like to see cash improve from last year to this year. Depending on the inheritance fund is not the answer. We need to cut expenses starting this board meeting. Discussion was held on how to pay the bills this month.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county. Klein provided a revised road breakdown to the board, splitting the expenses three ways. The delinquent tax list was also reviewed.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on the weed department.

Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities. A preliminary budget proposal was submitted for review with the addition of another full-time deputy included. Chairman Skavdahl advised McCumbers that things are tight, but it doesn't hurt to work on it early. Discussion was held on purchasing a surplus vehicle.

A road report was given by Gordon Mathis. There has been patching on Andrews Road where water is running across. They are hauling gravel at the top of Pants Butte. The pounder used on the curve signs broke down, so an electric one was purchased.



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Gary Thayer reported on plans for the One and Six Road Plan and the classifications of roads. The bills for the Montrose Bridge project are about ready to be sent out. We should be getting the road base and rip rap from the feds as previously discussed.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Chairman Skavdahl was absent from the afternoon meeting.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects stopped to visit with the board regarding updates to the courthouse lighting and other updates to be considered. Berggren will get a proposal to the board before the next meeting.

Mike Kesselring updated the board on recent Sioux County Tourism activities. Geiser moved, seconded by Downer to approve the addition of Sydney Meidell to the Sioux County Travel & Tourism Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Sioux County Travel & Tourism Board membership. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to affirm Jenny Nixon and Mike Kesselring as voting members of the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The 2019 Travel Board meeting dates are January 23, April 24 and October 20, 2019. The Travel and Tourism Board has approved a \$1,000 grant request from the Sioux County Historical Society for improving signage, and a \$500 grant request from the Sioux County Fair and Rodeo. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve those two grant requests. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Kesselring reported that Jean Norman attended the Denver Stock Show and Mike Kesselring will attend the Black Hills Sports Show & Outdoor Expo representing the area. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve giving Jean Norman and Mike Kesselring \$100 per day with a maximum of \$200 to attend these shows. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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March 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room March 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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 February 1 and 6, 2019 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 35,725.29; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,295.01/employee share, 1,555.15; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.48; Crawford Clipper, publications, 228.68; Randy Cullers, court appointed attorney, 915.26; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Horse Creek Tire, Inc., supplies, 41.50; Lotton Supply, fuel, 181.91; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 50.53; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,420.70; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.28; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of Co. Clerks, dues, 75.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher maintenance, 291.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 879.99; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 1,932.98; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, meals, room, 254.43; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 432.39; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 270.41; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,924.32/employee share social security, 1,927.32/county share medicare, 450.78/employee share medicare, 450.78/ withholding, 1,941.19; Sioux County Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71/ attorney fees, 243.20; Smith, King & Simmons, P.C., court appointed counsel, 200.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 13,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 55.00; University of NE-Lincoln, extension salary, 12,846.82; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 5,673.72; Viaero Wireless, phone, 124.96; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Vistabeam, internet, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 303.92.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,843.27; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 192.98; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 564.33; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 229.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,930.21/employee share retirement, 1,286.75; Bauerkempers, parts, 10.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 17,195.82; Cody Bruegger, welding, 1,012.50; Butler Ag Equipment, parts, 1,110.23; Centurylink, internet, 53.70; Contractor Materials, supplies, 383.09; Crawford Clipper, advertisement, 15.75; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 986.00; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 17.76; Frank Parts, parts, 631.10; GMC of Chadron, repairs, 206.93; Herren's, supply, 640.15; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 107.85; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Kaufman Glass, repairs, 140.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 151.45; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 43.78; Morrill Supply, supplies, 216.98; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher maintenance, 35.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 487.02; NE Machinery, repairs, 6,081.70; NEA, electric, 233.15; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,628.76; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 2,978.36; Powerplan, repairs, 1,473.74; S & S Plumbing, repair, 78.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,532.46/employee share social security, 1,532.46/county share medicare, 358.41/employee share medicare,





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358.41/withholding, 889.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 296.56; TDS, garbage, 77.50; U-Save Mart, fuel, 144.73; Village of Harrison, utility, 111.70; Village of Morill, electric, 142.82; WPCI, drug testing, 81.50.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Butler Ag Equipment, repair, 185.55; Mike Kesselring, reimbursement for trade show expense, 418.27.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,259.18; Amazon, supplies, 231.06; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 84.99/employee share retirement, 56.66; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.25; Crawford Clipper, notice, 6.30; Demco, books, 356.99; Herren's, supplies, 8.99; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher maintenance; 40.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 5.79; NEA, utilities, 219.32; Quill Corporation, supplies, 101.34; Security First Bank, county share social security, 78.07/employee share social security 78.07/county share medicare, 18.26/employee share medicare 18.26; Theatre West, summer reading, 50.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer from Inheritance to General Fund, 22,000.00

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 209.78/employee share retirement, 139.85; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 53.70; Herren's, supplies, 27.85; NE Weed Control Association, training, 240.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.66; Nick Sanderson, anti-virus, 114.99; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.77/employee share social security, 164.77/county share medicare, 38.54/employee share medicare, 38.54/ withholding, 150.00.

Joleen Falkenburg met with the board and asked if there had been any decisions about how to work on the budget following the auditor's recommendations. Commissioner Geiser stated that the board does realize it, and that they are trying to get it going in the other direction. Falkenburg asked if we had ever done layoffs in the wintertime, asking how neighboring counties do it. Commissioner Skavdahl stated that the county used to hire more part-time help in the summer. Geiser said that he had looked at highway allocations from across the state and compared us to other counties. We are less in personnel and total budget. Geiser didn't agree with the auditor's comment regarding employees being two to three higher than other counties she has compared us to. Falkenburg stated we are heavier in personnel and salaries than ever before, we need to really have a look at it. Skavdahl stated that the labor force is a big reason why we are in the position we are in now with the road conditions what they are, and we need to get them fixed. Falkenburg suggested contracting the road work done, sometimes it makes economic sense. She asked if the board thinks this will settle down and it will be corrected. Geiser provided a comparison that he has done with last year's expenses and revenues and has projected that, depending on how revenues come in, we should be considerably better this year than last year. The Road Fund had a negative balance a year ago, this year we are borrowing from Inheritance to cover expenses. Falkenburg stated that her long term concern is she doesn't want to see taxes go up, and would rather see the budget adjusted. Skavdahl said that it is a question of cash flow during the time period and the fact that costs have gone up. Falkenburg stated we have a budget problem and need to figure out a better way of spending and not spend everything, she stated that the budget process has to work better. Falkenburg also said hiring another employee in the sheriff's department is extremely unnecessary.

Pepper Dodge submitted a letter of resignation effective March 15. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Dodge's resignation. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. It looks like ag values will not change this year.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county. Commissioner Geiser stated that the county is going in the right direction instead of building a hole. He stated that we are going to be short next month, as the majority of the revenues aren't available until May. Treasurer Klein advised the board that from the state auditor's standpoint it isn't acceptable to have as little cash available as we currently have. The goal should be to have enough to cover two months expenses in cash reserve. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2019-1 a resolution to borrow \$22,000 from the Inheritance Fund to be paid back on May 1, 2019. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on the weed department.

Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities. Discussion was held on education on medical marijuana and vaporizers. Sheriff McCumbers is looking into education for the kids.

John Campbell, Extension Board member met with the board. Discussion was held on the agreement with UNL. Campbell stated that we have an active extension service and try to meet the needs of our residents.

The Courthouse Maintenance Plan submitted by Berggren Architects was reviewed and will be discussed at the April meeting.

There will be a public hearing on March 27 for public input on adding wind energy to the Sioux County Zoning Resolution.

Andy Devine, Territory Manager for Purple Wave Auction met with the board. Devine described Purple Wave Auction's services.

Road Superintendent Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge project.

Road Foreman Mathis reported that they are doing what they can to work on the signs.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Road Superintendent Thayer stated that the Montrose Bridge is completed outside of seeding and some small projects. The One Year Plan will include 4.5 miles of Edgemont Road from the middle of Lange's to Andy Federle's. The remaining 4 miles of Henry Road and 5 miles of Morrill Road will also be on the One Year Plan. The Six Year Plan will be the remainder of Cut Across Road and Wheeler Roads. Other roads will be on the County Road Improvement List. This list will be for roads that don't require a major project.

Bill Wilson discussed Circle Buttes Road, stating that the first mile was elevated 2 ½ to 3 years ago and it has been worth it. Wilson would hate to see that grade in the first mile blow away through time. Wilson also spoke in support of Pleasant Ridge Road getting worked on.

Jim Dunn asked that work be done on Pleasant Ridge Road between Sean Grote and Howard Willey's, as that is the worst part of the road. Dunn would also like to see the three miles west of his house be elevated. Dunn offered his truck if we can find gravel, and also said we need to use local gravel. Dunn offered help looking around for gravel.



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Kevin Grote spoke in support of Jim Dunn's comments. Grote asked if a 12' road is possible from Gillett's on. Road Foreman Mathis stated that the road is legally supposed to be 20' according to state standard. Minimum maintenance designation was discussed. County Attorney Edmund said that minimum maintenance roads wouldn't have blades or gravel on them. Mathis stated that if we put minimum maintenance on the road, we would lose state funding, and the state does come check roads. Mathis' said that it cost \$25,000 per mile to gravel a road.

Commissioner Skavdahl advised the patrons that the road will be on the priority list and it will get done, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Foreman Mathis asked Grote to let him know when he can go look for gravel.

The board directed Road Foreman Mathis to advertise for gravel crushing bids.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the one and six year road plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Lotton, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 1, 2019 at 9:10 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to amend the agenda to include approval of Resolution 2019-2. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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 March 1, 2019 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 34,908.24; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,277.75/employee share, 1,543.80; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.48; Copier Connection, supplies, 63.75; Crawford Clipper, publications, 365.30; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Herren's, supplies, 107.98; David Howell, mileage, 75.40; Steve Johnson, mileage, 58.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 147.64; Lotton Supply, fuel, 69.00; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, meal, 15.61; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.28; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, dues, 450.00; NE Assn. of County Treasurers, workshop, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 874.75; NEA, electric, 2,104.30; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 510.17; Quill Corporation, supplies, 189.50; Redfield Direct, LLC, recording book, 472.16; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 178.92; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,876.66/employee share social security, 1,876.66/county share medicare, 438.92/employee share medicare, 438.92/ withholding, 1,961.85; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 10,508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 50.11; Viaero Wireless, phone, 77.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Vistabeam, internet, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 113.68; 308 Embroidery, sheriff, 20.98.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 29,812.75; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 211.17; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 564.33; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,995.65/employee share retirement, 1,330.38; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,372.74; Centurylink, internet, 53.50; Contractor Materials, supplies, 33.20; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,327.76; David Dunn, plowing snow, 280.00; Frank Parts, parts, 22.99; Herren's, supply, 647.16; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 297.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, service, 196.50; Deb Mack, rent side by side, 600.00; Lora Mathis, document road damage, 432.00; Kurt McWilliams, road work, 615.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 133.90; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 203.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 563.71; NE Machinery, repairs, 81.57; Nebraskaland Tire, supplies, 134.84; NEA, electric, 318.27; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 2,264.63; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 231.08; Powerplan, repairs, 1,286.31; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,616.78/employee share social security, 1,616.78/county share medicare, 378.13/employee share medicare, 378.13/withholding, 1,048.40; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 538.33; U-Save Mart, fuel, 223.65; Village of Harrison, utility, 89.70; Village of Morill, electric, 506.92.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 76.64.





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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,462.60; Amazon, supplies, 253.29; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 98.73/employee share retirement, 65.82; Centurylink, phone/internet, 153.25; Hastings College, book, 48.81; Herren's, supplies, 13.48; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, clean carpet, 241.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 8.70; NEA, utilities, 308.36; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 48.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 90.68/employee share social security 90.68/county share medicare, 21.21/employee share medicare 21.21; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer from Inheritance to General Fund, 32,000.00

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,017.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 209.78/employee share retirement, 139.85; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Centurylink, internet, 53.51; Herren's, supplies, 12.28; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.66; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 60.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.77/employee share social security, 164.77/county share medicare, 38.54/employee share medicare, 38.54/ withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2019-2 a resolution to borrow \$32,000 from the Inheritance Fund to be paid back on May 1, 2019. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Nick Sanderson gave an update on the weed department. Sanderson advised the board on issues he is watching and those to be discussed at spring training.

Sheriff Chad McCumbers reported on recent activities. The goggle presentation will be held April 9 at the schools. Sheriff McCumbers has been working on Greg Taylor's schedule and would like to put him on full time next budget year. Commissioner Skavdahl advised McCumbers that it will need to be discussed during budget discussions.

Jenny Nixon met with the board. Wanda Clyncke would like to be on the extension board, taking Lela Daniels' place. Jenny Dean would also like to extend her appointment for another three years on the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Clyncke and Dean to the Extension Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Nixon stated that flood.unl.edu has a lot of resources available for help after the flood. She also offered help for GPS units for mapping of flood damage. Skavdahl asked Nixon to provide a summary of resources available to the newspaper so people are aware of where those resources are. Nixon advised the board that Jeanna Boland has submitted her resignation. The board approved the hiring of a temporary worker for now.

Road Superintendent Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge project. An itemized bill will be submitted for payment next month.

Road Superintendent Thayer offered to run a blade on weekends to help with storm damaged roads.

Zane Haase, Electrical Engineer for Black Hills Energy and Zachary Hutchison, Project Manager for Probst Electric, and other employees met with the board to discuss the roads affected by the contractors work during the replacement of poles. Communicating issues created on the roads between the workers and the county will be important during the



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project. Maintenance and reseeding will be done to put the roads back to the conditions they were in when the project is finished.

Attorney Edmund advised the board that the Planning Commission met last week on a Wind Energy Regulation to be added to the Sioux County Zoning Resolution. A public hearing is scheduled for April 24 on the matter.

Road Foreman Mathis discussed spring weight restrictions on Toadstool Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to continue the resolution put in place last year. Resolution 2018-1, passed March 1, 2018 places a seasonal 7 ton per axle weight restriction on 15 miles of Toadstool Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Mathis advised the board that he has rented an all-wheel drive maintainer. Two machines were priced and Mathis rented one for \$8,750 per month. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the rental. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Mathis requested advertising for a part-time employee for the road department. The board approved the request.

Stacey Swinney met with the board to discuss the low water crossing on Glendy Road and offered suggestions on how to repair it.

One bid for crushing gravel was opened. Mark Chrisman submitted a bid of \$4.16 per cubic yard at the Burford pit, with mobilization fee of \$3,000.00. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the bid. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on storm damages and federal aid.

Slim Reece met with the board and offered his and other neighbor's help to get the roads put back together. Foreman Mathis said we need to keep track of hours, etc. for federal aid, whether it is paid or volunteer. Slim said all they want is enough to cover their expenses. Commissioner Skavdahl asked Reece to put together a list of resources to draw from, so when we have a meeting with FEMA, we will know. There won't be a lot done until after the FEMA meeting, getting the impassable roads passable, then start working on high traffic roads. Discussion was held on liability insurance and bonding for people other than county employees working on the road damages.

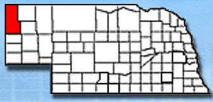
The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Kristina Reeves gave an update on Northwest Nebraska Travel & Tourism. Sioux County lodging tax collected was up 10% from the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Caleb Johnson met with the board to introduce himself and discuss preparing the 2019-2020 Sioux County budget. Johnson will bring a cost estimate to the present to the board at the May meeting.

Jim Bannan advised the board that the pipeline under his road has frozen. Commissioner Geiser will help get the line fixed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2019.



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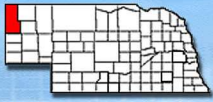


/s/Joshua Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk



# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners  
Harrison, Nebraska  
May 6, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 6, 2019 at 3:20 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was Deputy County Clerk JoElla Norman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. J.W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room.

There was discussion on the two proposals for preparation of the budget. Geiser moved and Downer seconded to use Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP for the preparation of the 2019-2020 budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet June 3, 2018.

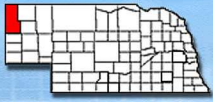
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Hal Downer, Board Member

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JoElla Norman, Sioux County Deputy Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 3, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 36,666.95; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 179.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,394.73/employee share, 1,623.67; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,629.40; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.49; Crawford Clipper, publications, 205.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; gWorks, website contract, 8,375.00; Herren's supplies, 8.97; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 81.20; Lotton's Supply, fuel, 106.75; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 82.05; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.66; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, registrations, 515.00; NE Clerks of District Court Assn., dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 927.83; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 1,036.50; NEA, building repairs, 755.28; Shawn Noon, supplies, 54.84; Office Depot, supplies, 126.54; Panhandle Research & Ext. Center, mileage, 112.48; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,276.47; Pritchard & Abbott, mineral appraisal, 270.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 512.91; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 91.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,985.70/employee share social security, 1,985.70/county share medicare, 464.44/employee share medicare, 464.44/ withholding, 2,058.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Dan Skavdahl, mileage, 475.60; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71/ law manual, 71.25/ lodging, 345.93; Staples, supplies, 166.16; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 45,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 26.02; University of NE-Lincoln, assistant salary, 12,798.51; UNL-Lincoln, equipment, 379.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 30.46; Village of Harrison, utilities, 337.94; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 243.60.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 26,214.19; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,752.74/employee share retirement, 1,168.44; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,898.14; Centurylink, internet, 54.66; Contractor Materials, supplies, 18.20; Crawford Clipper, notice, 44.50; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,349.48; Frank Parts, parts, 170.25; Herren's, supply, 127.32; Ideal Linen, rugs, 65.30; Mark Chrisman Trucking, gravel crushing, 12,480.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies, 133.63; Morrill supply, supplies, 55.28; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 435.74; NE Machinery, repairs, 15,958.05; Nebraskaland Tire, supplies, 3,839.80; NEA, electric, 94.82; Office Depot, supplies, 204.94; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 255.45; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,801.62; Powerplan, repairs, 2,972.13; R & C Welding, labor, 110.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,390.91/employee share social security, 1,390.91/county share medicare, 325.30/employee share medicare, 325.30/withholding, 800.57; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 512.15; Stacy Swinney, bridge inspections, 715.00; Team Chevrolet, repairs, 355.27; U-Save Mart, fuel, 453.91; Village of Harrison, utility, 95.70; Village of Morrill, electric, 112.20.



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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,426.55; Amazon, supplies, 704.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 96.29/employee share retirement, 64.19; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.95; Demco, books, 96.14; Sunny Edwards, supplies, 117.64; Herren's, supplies, 1,361.84; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; Kapco, supplies, 89.69; Mid America Books, books, 153.61; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.19; NEA, utilities, 128.16; Quill Corporation, supplies, 32.99; Jeff Quinn, summer reading, 350.00; Sarah Sanderson, books, 66.53; Security First Bank, county share social security, 88.45/employee share social security 88.45/county share medicare, 20.68/employee share medicare 20.68/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 55.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,878.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 261.62/employee share retirement, 174.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,085.78; Bluetarp Credit Services, supply, 50.48; Centurylink, internet, 54.66; Crawford Clipper, publications, 90.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, 46.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 36.03; Office Depot, supplies, 126.55; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 62.64; Security First Bank, county share social security, 212.39/employee share social security, 212.39/county share medicare, 49.68/employee share medicare, 49.68/ withholding, 156.68.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. Protest hearing dates were set for July 16 and 17, 2019.

Sioux County Treasurer, Lacy Klein provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted monthly fees and updated the board on recent and upcoming activities. The USDA contract was signed by Chairman Skavdahl. McCumbers submitted a new budget proposal. He is trying to get as much as possible into the deputy salary line with his primary goal to get another person in place. There is a possibility to get a surplus vehicle from Agate.

Jenny Nixon updated the board. She has hired Linda Kesselring on a temporary part-time basis. Emily Parker is helping organize for fair. There was a flood meeting last Friday. NRD has put together a program to help impacted areas. Sioux County can add items to that program. NRCS is offering an extension on their emergency conservation program. FSA is adding a separate designation for people along White River. Region 23 is expanding for more damages through NEMA. LTAP has many things to offer, training people on running graders. There is a little bit of fencing available for people who lost fences.

A public hearing was opened regarding the budget amendment for the transfer of \$142,050.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Members of the public asking questions were Jodi Thomson and Cody Bruegger. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the expenditures in the Inheritance Fund to include \$142,050.00 that was transferred to the General Fund, but paid back. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the amendment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-4 was reviewed by the board. The resolution states that the unexpended funds within the General Budget in the amount of \$6,047.96 are hereby assigned to the over-expended County Court Budget. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the resolution. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Cody Bruegger advised the board that he was notified by the Clerk's office that he needed proof of liability insurance for doing work at the county shop. Discussion was held on liability for contract work and worker's compensation. County Attorney Edmund will look into the matter.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer updated the board on the Montrose Bridge project.

One bid for armor coating 4.2 miles of Henry Road was opened. Motion by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept the bid and direct Superintendent Thayer to review it. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Gordon Mathis asked if the board would be ok with him stepping down from foreman to just a blade operator. Mathis stated that all the roads are torn up and he is tired of getting bad mouthed, he's about had enough and is not going to continue to take the beating he's taking from the community.

Commissioner Geiser, seconded by Commissioner Downer moved to enter Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Geiser, seconded by Commissioner Downer moved to enter regular session with no action taken during Executive Session. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to transfer Mathis to operator at operator salary. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Each commissioner will be responsible for their own districts. Mathis exited the meeting.

Members of the public present to discuss road issues were Jodi Thomsen, Joe Falkenburg, Gale Henry, Mike Bannan and Jim Fox. Jodi Thomsen inquired about Edgemont Road. Thomsen showed 50 some pictures of the road. She stated that Story Road is even worse, and you can't go down Indian Creek Road. Thomsen named the families who will be traveling to school daily on the roads. They are only getting spots fixed. Why not start and put the blade down and fix the road. There were no blades out after any of the blizzards. Thomsen said they are willing to offer free gravel. We are paying workers, what are they doing?

Jim Fox asked about sending workers home if it's too wet to do anything, and then work when conditions are right. County Attorney Edmund cited the Fair Labor Standards Act and only working 40 hours per week. They can float some guys if they are willing to do it. Jodi Thomsen asked who the District 1 guys are. Bill Mack and Bobby Reece are designated to District 1.

Road Superintendent Thayer stated that running two blades together works well. Joe Falkenburg asked how many patrols the county has. There are 8. Commissioner Skavdahl says 3 miles a day is what they can get done right now.

Overtime was discussed. Joe Falkenburg added that it's past the point of excuse, now it is dangerous. Falkenburg added that as far behind as we are we should be able to pay some overtime. It's been a tough spring, but clear last summer we didn't have any blades.

Gale Henry suggested that road employees be sent to the schools where they can get trained. You can't let the blades sit alongside the road for a week or two. Need to get a good manager who can work with the people. Henry said you may need to hire contractors to work.





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Mike Bannan said if there was a little improvement on every road, he wouldn't feel left out. Cottonwood and Highland Roads were discussed. Bannan asked where the money comes from to buy a new grader, adding that the condition this county is in is serious.

Jim Fox asked about the money going to the community college saying that that money would do a lot of good on the roads. County Attorney Edmund stated that is by statute. Fox commended Falkenburgs for donating gravel, and that he has and will continue to donate gravel. Fox said that more people visit Toadstool Park than Fort Robinson. The county has got to tighten up and run a better business, it's been many years since we've had good timely management on roads, it's going to take a lot to get them back. Fox suggested Burlington Northern hauling gravel to a central spot.

Gale Henry asked if there was any place to get help with the roads. County Attorney Edmund said that we are working with FEMA right now. We spend the money, and then get reimbursed.

Jodi Thomsen asked if it is possible to work with Dawes County or, do we need to get rid of some guys? Thomsen said that a contractor rebuilt three miles in three days in South Dakota last year, and it took Sioux County 30 days to do the same.

The board scheduled meeting for Wednesday, June 19 to discuss how to go forward within the road department. In the meantime, each commissioner will contact the road employees in his respective district to schedule work.

Chairman Skavdahl contacted NE Machinery to discuss continuation of renting the blade. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to give Skavdahl authority to either continue the rent or not at his discretion. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:25 to 1:15

Jeff Kelly updated the board on PADD, Panhandle Area Development District.

Luke Peebles, USDA, APHIS gave an update of wildlife management over the past year. He has requested \$21,445.33 for his services for 2019-2020. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the contract. 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 2:55 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



# Sioux County Board Minutes



SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

June 19, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on June 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Joshua Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman and County Attorney Adam Edmund were also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Josh Skavdahl led the meeting in prayer. Members of the public attending the meeting were: LaWanna Reece, Marty and Lois Hanley and David Henderson.

A public hearing was opened to hear public comment regarding amending the 2018-2019 Inheritance Fund budgeted expenditure from the original amount of \$55,004.14 to the amended amount of \$195,054.14. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the amendment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Updates on road conditions were as follows:

Commissioner Downer reported that they are getting repairs done in District 3. Gravel needs to be hauled, so in the next week or so, they will need the gravel trucks and drivers. It was decided that belly dumps and two additional guys will be sent to the third district next week. David Henderson asked about who is in charge. Commissioner Downer provided his phone number to Henderson. Henderson also asked about autogates and culverts. County Attorney explained that the landowner needs to call and coordinate with the road employees to work on autogates.

Commissioner Skavdahl said they had been working from south to north in District 2. Dave Saults has gotten everything to the west done. They should be to Belmont and Hanley roads soon. Lois Hanley asked about Pink School House Road. Skavdahl said yes, they are trying to get gravel on it. Next they will be working on the two miles from the highway north on Wheeler Road. Dave Saults will be working on the North end of Andrews Road, Deep Creek, Corkscrew Roads and the east end of White River Road. Lois Hanley inquired about how many graders the county owns. Skavdahl answered 7 plus one rental. Discussion was held on the rental price, and the ability to put the rent toward the purchase price of that blade. Elevating roads before graveling and culverts will be addressed as well.

Commissioner Geiser stated that they are trying to get over everything the first time, then will go back to some problem areas. Next week, Hat Creek Road will be addressed. They have been working on Cottonwood Road, and have it mostly taken care of. Whitey McWilliams has been helping as needed.

Discussion was held on hiring temporary seasonal people who can work on a part time basis to mow road ditches or drive a truck if needed. The board discussed advertising for a list of names of people who would be willing to do that. They would be paid an hourly wage and be paid by the hour using their own equipment.

Purchase of a new blade was discussed. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to advertise specifications for a blade. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to award the armor coating project on 4.2 miles of Henry Road to Topkote. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a request from Dan Franks to carry over vacation time. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavahl, yes. Motion carried.

LaWanna Reece stated that she would be willing to help with mowing, driving a tractor, etc. as needed.

Commissioner Geiser discussed a Hazard Mitigation Grant for a backup generator for the fire station. It is a 25% local match, which is currently \$6,134.53 provided from Sioux County, to be reimbursed by the fire department. The generator would be a power source for radios, etc. at the emergency operations center. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the grant request. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on letting bids for gravel hauling rates. The county would require submitters to have liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for rates for hauling of gravel in Sioux County. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff McCumbers advised the board that he has found a grant through the Department of Justice to hire an additional person for three years. His primary budget concern is funding the additional person.

Adverstising for a road foreman will not be done at this time.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2019 at 9:12 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. JW 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 amend the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting to include an amendment of the 2018-2019 Sioux County budget on the revenue side for transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the revenues in the Inheritance Fund to include \$142,050.00 that was transferred to the General Fund, but paid back. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 37,043.98; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,315.89/employee share, 1,569.87; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 187.49; Crawford Clipper, publications, 220.10; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; DeLage Landen Public Finance, sheriff vehicle lease, 6,221.71; Embassy Suites, room, 238.00; JW Geiser, mileage, 548.68; Hampton Inn, room, 294.00; Holiday Inn, rooms, 1,069.50; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 41.50; David Howell, mileage, 58.00; Jon Worthman Law Office, court appointed counsel, 449.60; Lacy Klein, mileage, 764.44; Lotton's Supply, fuel, 50.00; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; Chad McCumbers, fuel, 61.65; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,164.98; Mobius Communications, phone, 224.54; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,161.96; NE Secretary of State, election supplies, 10.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 920.32; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electric, 985.51; Reganis Auto Center, repairs, 275.64; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; RR Donnelley, supplies, 116.37; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 291.30; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,008.09/employee share social security, 2,008.09/county share medicare, 469.66/employee share medicare, 469.66/ withholding, 2,027.31; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Stephens-Peck, Inc., subscription, 90.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 1,500.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 25,000.00; Viaero Wireless, phone, 78.10; Village of Harrison, utilities, 423.94; Vistabeam, 127.90; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 1,352.44/meals, 64.69.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 27,229.63; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,752.47/employee share retirement, 1,168.26; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; B & C Steel, supplies, 705.54; Centurylink, internet, 55.17; Crawford Clipper, notice, 37.42; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,912.50; Frank Parts, parts, 561.23; Dan Franks, CDL reimbursement, 100.00; JW Geiser, mileage, 80.04; Herren's, supply, 361.52; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Little Park Ranches, LLP, gravel, 9,129.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 107.90; Morrill supply, supplies, 38.34; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 205.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 479.49; NE Machinery, repairs, blade rental, 13,432.18; NEA, electric, 169.24; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,164.01; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 5,401.02; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,456.90/employee share social security, 1,456.90/county share medicare, 340.71/employee share medicare, 340.71/withholding, 871.52; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 264.98; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00;





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Thayer Construction, LLC, road work, 1,450.00; Tip Top Tree Service, tree trimming, 225.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 274.03; Village of Harrison, utility, 93.70; Village of Morrill, electric, 106.08.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism ad, 11.25; Chadrad Communications, tourism ad, 500.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,254.03; Amazon, supplies, 334.94; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 84.65/employee share retirement, 56.43; Stu Campbell, book, 30.32; Centurylink, phone/internet, 152.95; Crawford Clipper, notice, 5.70; Herren's, supplies, 32.96; Ideal Linen, rugs, 27.73; Kapco, supplies, 61.94; Mid America Books, books, 285.43; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.71; NEA, utilities, 185.40; Sarah Sanderson, books, 26.07; Security First Bank, county share social security, 77.75/employee share social security 77.75/county share medicare, 18.18/employee share medicare 18.18/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,643.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 313.46/employee share retirement, 208.97; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 55.18; Crawford Clipper, publications, 94.50; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,781.60; Herren Brothers, supplies, 137.35; Lotton's Service, fuel, 941.61; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 59.63; Office Depot, supplies, 126.55; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 62.64; Security First Bank, county share social security, 259.97/employee share social security, 259.97/county share medicare, 60.80/employee share medicare, 60.80/withholding, 230.02.

Jon Scott and Gordon Mathis met with the board. Commissioner Downer, seconded by Commissioner Geiser moved to enter Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Geiser, seconded by Commissioner Downer moved to enter regular session with no action taken during Executive Session. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports and the Assessor's Three Year Plan of Assessment. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Zimmerman advised the board that no property protests had been filed.

Dennelle Fischer provided the board with monthly reports and the current financial status of the county.

Nick Sanderson met with the board and gave an update of spraying in the county. Discussion was held on open range areas.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted monthly fees and updated the board on recent and upcoming activities.

Jenny Nixon updated the board. Fair planning is underway.

Correspondence was read.

Commissioner Geiser noted that he has calculated ending balances for the General, Road, Library and Weed Funds. Those ending balances are \$208,329 more than balances at the end of last fiscal year.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to ratify the continued rental of a blade from NE Machinery. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Limits on overtime and compensatory time in the road department was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch from 12:15 to 1:00.

A public hearing was called to order at 1:20 by Chairman Skavdahl. Deputy Attorney Skavdahl went over the changes he had made to the Sioux County Zoning regulation concerning wind energy. The revised version of the regulation includes requirement of the applicant for a wind energy conversion system provide the county with a decommissioning plan, cost estimates and bond for decommissioning every five years. Prior to the issuance of a conditional use permit, the applicant and the land owner shall sign a "Consent to Removal" stating that, should either party fail to remove the Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System, then the county shall have the right to do so itself and receive the funds payable from any bond or other financial assurance in place guaranteeing performance. If any cost to remove remains, the county will have the ability to cause a special assessment to be made against the real estate of the landowner upon which the commercial WECS is built until the county is made whole. The applicant shall be under a continuing obligation to provide proof of renewal of all bonds guarantees and liability insurance policies at least ninety days prior to the date of their lapse. Upon any violation of the zoning regulation, the Zoning Administrator may notify the applicant and allow some time for the applicant to correct the violation. If the violation continues, then the conditional use permit may be revoked and would require the applicant to remove the WECS in the same manner as required under Section 14.05 (6). In no event shall the decommissioning be completed more than 180 days after the date of the final notice issued under that section. Discussion regarding the regulations was held. The public hearing was closed at 2:10 p.m.

The Sioux County Commissioner meeting was convened back to regular session at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Skavdahl.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the regulation revision. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve allowing the zoning administrator to issue standard building permits if it meets all applicable requirements of the Zoning Regulations. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Hicks, State Environmental Engineer, NRCS met with the board to advise them of money available for mitigation on roads. Discussion was held on the areas that would qualify for funding. The commissioners are to get a list of roads that they would like to have mitigated.

Discussion was held on federal aid work that needs to be done.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



# Sioux County Board Minutes



SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

July 16, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on July 16, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman was also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Hal Downer led the meeting in prayer.

Bids for the purchase of a new blade, submitted by Murphy Tractor and NE Machinery were opened.

The bids were reviewed with Mike Bateman and Larry Burbach.

Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to accept the bids. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

/s/Hal Downer

Vice Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk



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SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

July 17, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on July 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman was also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Josh Skavdahl led the meeting in prayer.

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposal submitted by Fuller Construction to repair the low water crossing on Glendy Road. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the proposal. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Overtime and compensatory time in the road department was discussed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to limit paid overtime to 50 hours per year. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to set the cut-off date for time sheets to the 27<sup>th</sup> of every month. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to reimburse road employees up to \$100 for CDL physicals. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the bids received for a motor grader. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase of a Cat 140 M motor Grader to Nebraska Machinery. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

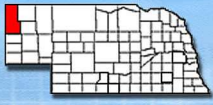
A list of Overvalued, Undervalued and Omitted Properties was presented to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavahl to approve the list. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board met with elected and appointed officials regarding budget requests for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Tim Kreider opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by seconded by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the July 1, 16 and 17, 2019 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 36,893.93; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,327.68/employee share, 1,577.95; Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 2020 assessment, 728.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Johnson Campbell, mileage, 76.56; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 190.47; Copier Connection, service contract, 398.15; Crawford Clipper, publications, 384.05; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Hal Downer, mileage, 336.40; Herren's, supplies, 71.09; Linda Kesselring, postage, 1.90; Lacy Klein, mileage, 81.20; Manna, computer repairs, 1,599.79; Chad McCumbers, uniform, 157.47; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,253.39; Mobius Communications, phone, 226.72; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 931.81; NEA, electric, 486.30; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 52.78/supplies, 22.23; Panhandle Area Development District, 2019/2020 assessment, 821.60; Quill Corporation, supplies, 571.63; Ramada Inn, rooms, 285.00; Region I Office of Human Development, services, 1,642.50; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 143.42; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,998.79/employee share social security, 1,998.79/county share medicare, 467.48/employee share medicare, 467.48/ withholding, 2,046.89; Sioux County Court, court costs, 34.00; Sioux County Historical Society, museum support, 2,000.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Staples, supplies, 676.91; The Gun Shop, ammunition, 94.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 16,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 45,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 20.08; USDA, Aphis, predator control contract, 5,899.46; Viaero Wireless, phone, 126.57; Village of Harrison, utilities, 469.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 81.20/supplies 11.85.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 26,760.55; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,708.15/employee share retirement, 1,138.71; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 56.33; Crawford Clipper, notice, 40.72; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,237.38; Frank Parts, parts, 64.97; Eli Garza, hauling gravel, 24,090.00; Herren's, supply, 69.15; Hillbilly Industries, LLC, hauling gravel, 2,180.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 916.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 38.70; M & R Restoration, repairs, 203.56; Morrill supply, supplies, 44.33; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 427.01; NE Machinery, repairs, blade rental, 11,645.94; NEA, electric, 130.97; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,810.85; Powerplan, repairs, 486.50; Rudloff Trucking, hauling gravel, 15,990.00; Running Water Gravel, hauling gravel, 1,920.00/equipment use, 1,475.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,427.80/employee share social security, 1,427.80/county share medicare, 333.92/employee share medicare, 333.92/withholding, 757.99; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 254.90; Steve's Truck, repairs, 200.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 50.00; Thayer





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Construction, LLC, equipment rental, 2,660.00/ gravel, 320.00; Gary Thayer, bales for mulch, 150.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 571.45; Village of Harrison, utility, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 86.68.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, promotions, 2,211.23; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, dues, 74.24.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,341.58; Amazon, supplies, 355.70; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 90.56/employee share retirement, 60.37; Centurylink, phone/internet, 154.58; Crawford Clipper, notice, 91.00; Herren's, supplies, 34.93; Mid America Books, books, 104.76; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.97; NEA, utilities, 153.60; NEA, building repair, 1,097.95; Sarah Sanderson, books, 33.02; Security First Bank, county share social security, 83.18/employee share social security 83.18/county share medicare, 19.45/employee share medicare 19.45/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 65.00.

SIOUX COUNTY ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 223,615.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,643.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 313.46/employee share retirement, 208.97; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 56.34; Heritage Seed, chemical, 911.45; Herren Brothers, supplies, 122.11; Lotton's Service, fuel, 862.35; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 59.63; Security First Bank, county share social security, 259.97/employee share social security, 259.97/county share medicare, 60.80/employee share medicare, 60.80/ withholding, 230.02; Simplot, chemical, 6,982.43.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Tim Kreider explained the additional worker's compensation billing.

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 Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser, and passed by roll call vote: Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl yes.

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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 of 4 mil of certified valuation of Sioux and Scottsbluff Counties for the year 2019-2020;

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 2019-2020 of \$59,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,180.00 for a total of \$60,180.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2019-2020;



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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 \$28,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$560.00 for a total of \$28,560.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2019-2020.

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.

A budget workshop was scheduled for August 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The budget hearing date was set for September 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Contryman Associates, PC. To perform the county audit for 2019. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read, no action taken.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer submitted a treasurer's report to the board. Klein has talked to Mobius regarding the telephones in the courthouse.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on recent activities. Sanderson requested a .50 raise for Noel Santistevan. Sanderson was advised to add it into his budget.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a monthly fee summary he also updated them on recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers discussed what it might take to fix up the old jail building.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the John Deere grader and the mowing tractor. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Big Iron will come take pictures of the equipment to auction.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Watershed Protection Program with the board. He will proceed with finding an engineer to look at those mitigation projects.

Fuller Construction has advised Superintendent Thayer that it might be November before they can get to the low water crossing project on Glendy Road. Thayer will discuss the timeframe further with Fuller.

Larry Burbach, Nebraska Machinery presented financial paperwork for the purchase of the CAT 140M motor grader. There will be two annual payments due, beginning next year at this time of \$71,251.00. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the financial agreement with Caterpillar. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiser has been looking into renting a mowing tractor.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer, Sue Willey and Gordon Mathis gave an update on the FEMA paperwork. Sue said it is getting pretty well lined out. Thayer stated that we need to have FEMA come out as projects get done and get them



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approved. Commissioner Geiser has provided Bill Mack and Bobby Reece with maps showing site numbers of what needs done and where. Sue stated that if all the guys had a copy of the list and site numbers they can take those with them in the blade and note them on their time sheets. FEMA has requested a maintenance policy and equipment costs provided to them. Commissioner Skavdahl stated that we need one person in charge of the legwork for FEMA. He asked Mathis to be that person, requiring approximately 10-15 hours per week. Mathis commented that the work needs to be done right and should be done in 6-7 months. We might not have a final inspection for a year or more.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to pursue installation of stop signs on the intersections of S-B and S-5 Road and S-B and S-2 Road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Mathis asked for clarification of overtime and due date for filing his time sheet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 3, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

August 13, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on August 13, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman was also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Josh Skavdahl led the meeting in prayer.

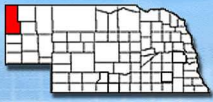
Road Superintendent Gary Thayer updated the board on the work being done on the low water crossing on Glendy Road. Thayer has been in contact with an engineer to look at NRCS Watershed Protection Program projects.

A budget workshop was held with Kevin Sylvester, CPA from Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

September 5, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room September 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners Hal Downer, Josh Skavdahl and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. 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.

A public hearing was opened at 1:00 to hear public comment on the 2019-2020 Sioux County Budget.

Members of the public wishing to address the board were asked to come forward with their concerns.

Jack Buhr addressed the board stating that the board has spent time crunching numbers, now the point is how much to spend. I think you did it upside down. I think we take what we've got and figure out how to spend it best. The increase is unreasonable, unconscionable, with an 18% increase in the current calf market and real estate markets being flat. The change in valuation is in personal property. Sioux County is probably as pure of a ranching economy as anywhere in the state. There are not many off-farm jobs. We can't let tax move contrary to where the revenue comes from. Use the current tax rate, with the valuation, then spend according to that. Commissioner Skavdahl advised that FEMA money will be coming in, but we have to complete the work, and may not be reimbursed for 18-24 months. There is \$200,00 to \$300,000 worth of work to be reimbursed for. Buhr stated that if you increase the tax rate to pay for that, you're not going to roll it back. Skavdahl said they have very high hopes that they will be able to. Buhr said that is a lot of money. An 18% increase with a market that we have now, and a decline in personal property, timing is terrible. If you need to raise money for FEMA work, borrow it. It's a bankable transaction.

Commissioner Geiser stated that we are talking major damages from storms, and we're trying to get things back where they should be. He'd like to get to a point where we can move forward, instead of just maintaining. We're going backward now, we have had fairly significant blizzards and floods in the last three years. Buhr stated that it didn't get run down overnight, it happened over quite a few years. We don't have the resources to do it like you're proposing, do it at a rate we can afford. Roads are pretty bad in many places and we have to live with what we've got, spend money the best way we can. We can't move at that pace, cannot take an increase like that, it's not good management.

Jodi Thomsen addressed the board stating that her concern is that already our taxes are high. You are going to lose your community if your kids don't come back. The tax is more than our sons make in wages. In a good year, it takes 80-100 calves to pay for our property taxes in a year. Thomsen questioned the hiring of another deputy, and how many people the county is providing health insurance for. They are still not seeing road graders. I'm certain I didn't say raise taxes, but I had complained we just wanted a loader to fix the culvert with a giant hole in it, but it still isn't fixed. Thomsen would like to see about expanding the tax base. The Village of Harrison needs to pay for fire protection and the deputy. Ranchers do not have a high standard of living. County Attorney Edmund responded that that has been discussed, and can be looked at again.

Joe Falkenburg asked about health insurance for county employees. It was explained that the county pays 80% of the premium and the employee pays 20%.





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Dan Jordan said that Sioux County has one of the lowest tax rates in the State of Nebraska. If we need more money, we can do that, but it's still going to be one of the lowest. Jordan said I think you're doing a good job, doing what you can with what you've got.

County Attorney Edmund advised those in attendance of the history of levies over the past several years. We had three or four years that we didn't change the tax asking. At that time, we weren't keeping up. Jodi Thomsen stated that the roads were better maintained in 2001. Jack Buhr stated there is a lesson in how flat the values are. Agriculture is paying the taxes. Jodi Thomsen said, so one year the rancher makes money, we up the taxes? The board was asked if cuts had been made, they said yes, two full-time positions have been cut in the road department, and the extension office has been cut as well.

Jory Geiser stated that the biggest gripe is the county roads. You can't fix something without money. It just takes that much more money to fix the roads. Geiser thinks the Sheriff and weed budgets should be looked at. If 18% increase is going to make or break you on the ranch this year, it probably was going to anyway.

Discussion was held with Bryan Lange regarding working on his county road. Liability issues and obtaining liability insurance was discussed. One of the commissioners would have to approve the work done.

Joe Falkenburg asked the reason to not borrow money rather than raise taxes. Once you make a tax, you never lose it. Falkenburg questioned whether there is an agreement with the Village for police services. Sheriff McCumbers replied that the incident case number has tripled in the last two years, from trespassing and DUI numbers increasing dramatically. Most of the increase is happening at the south end of the county. Falkenburg suggested putting a report in the paper so taxpayers see what the sheriff's office is doing. McCumbers stated that we don't have a daily paper, and that he doesn't have time to write press releases. They are busy with law enforcement, but have log books.

John Geiser supported raising the tax, saying you can't gripe about the roads without giving extra money, we need new gravel on the roads. Go to the school board and some of the other places where big chunks come from. If it doesn't educate the kids, we don't need it.

Commissioner Geiser stated there are three kinds of people, those that want lower taxes with no road repairs, those that want to tax more and want the roads fixed, and those that want to lower taxes and fix roads. Jodi Thomsen stated that we pay a lot of taxes and want roads fixed with the money the county has.

Jory Geiser stated, can we budget more to roads? Then yes, that's what I want, the whole 18% increase to go to the roads.

The public hearing was closed at 2:00 and the board convened into regular session.

## RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 5th day of September, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Sioux County, Nebraska, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Sioux County for said fiscal year.



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SECTION 2: That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

SECTION 3: That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and the expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues, other than taxation, to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The 2019-2020 Sioux County Budget will require a Property Tax Request of \$1,413,626.00, resulting in a proposed tax rate of .215842. Motion made by J.W. Geiser to approve the 2019-2020 budget, seconded by Hal Downer. On roll call vote: Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Skavdahl added that with the situation the county is in with the FEMA work and potential reimbursement, hopefully we will have a sizeable cash reserve this year, and hope the levy can come down.

A motion was also made by Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser, to approve an additional one percent increase in the base limitation of restricted funds. Roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Jill Balcom was present to ask the county to financially support Purple Pride. Commissioner Geiser expressed concerns regarding a breakdown in the organization. He would like a plan and how it's going to be done. Skavdahl said that as a representative of the taxpayers, he can't support it this year without more information. Commissioner Downer asked if the scholarships are available to kids living in the south end of the county, as those parents are taxpayers as well. Balcom replied, no, it is only for Sioux County High School graduates. Balcom was advised that nothing will be contributed this fiscal year.

The previous road mowing contract was reviewed. Commissioner Downer moved, seconded by Skavdahl that due to exigent circumstances on Monroe Canyon, Jory Geiser-JoryCorp, was authorized to mow along the road. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Geiser abstained. Motion carried. The board will advertise for countywide mowing along county roads.

Discussion was held on raises for Noel Santistevan and Sarah Sanderson. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a .50 per hour raise for Santistevan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a 3% raise for Sarah Sanderson, based on the library board's approval. 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 2:30 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet October 1, 2019.

/s/J.W. Geiser  
Vice Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Tim Kreider 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 3 and 5, 2019 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 37,536.58; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,284.05/employee share, 1,547.49; Wade Anderson, juror fee, 35.00/mileage, 46.40; Donna Barker, juror fee, 35.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Cathy Brogdon, juror mileage, 80.04; Brooke Burford, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 31.32; Johnson Campbell, mileage, ext. board, 78.88; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 222.61; Connecting Point, copier maintenance, 250.00; Deb Courtney, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 69.60; Crawford Clipper, publications, 493.60; Dana F. Cole & Company, budget preparation, 1,980.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Kody Devries, juror mileage, 18.56; Linda Downer, juror mileage, 52.20; J. Adam Edmund, mileage, 60.32; Jeff Edwards, juror mileage, 89.32; Holly Federle, juror mileage, 23.20; Denelle Fischer, mileage, 153.12; JW Geiser, mileage, 675.12; Neal S. Grote, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 8.12; GWorks, GIS contract 15,400.00; Don Harwood, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 51.04; Herren's, supplies, 8.37; Karen Houk, juror mileage, 64.38; Karen Huntrods, juror mileage, 9.86; Dan Jordan, juror mileage, 9.28; Chad Kearns, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 63.80; Nicki Kittinger, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 15.08; Lacy Klein, mileage, 426.88; Michael Kuhnel, juror mileage, 27.84; Amanda Lashley, juror mileage, 29.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, 167.93; Mailfinance, postage meter, 840.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 3,259.49; Mobius Communications, phone, 226.72; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NE Assn of County Assessors, dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, IAAO class, 680.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, blood test, 105.00 NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 934.54; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 1,428.20; NEA, electricity, 437.41; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 601.74/meals, 21.46/postage, 22.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 650.46; Emory Prosser, juror mileage, 46.40; Quality Power & Control Electric, HVFD generator, 16,135.70; Quill Corporation, supplies, 255.07; Doug Randall, juror mileage, 6.38; Katie Reece, juror mileage, 18.56; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, yearly assessment, 6,957.00; Regional West Medical center, autopsy, 171.05; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Sandra Rudloff, juror mileage, 20.30; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 245.81; Scott Schaefer, juror mileage, 5.80; Trevor Schneider, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 89.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,038.63/employee share social security, 2,038.63/county share medicare, 476.80/employee share medicare, 476.80/ withholding, 2,087.47; Sheena Semroska, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 19.72; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71; Margaret Smith, juror fees, 35.00/mileage, 15.08; Larry Stangle, juror mileage, 46.40; Sally Stecher, juror mileage, 5.80; Andrea Symonds, juror mileage, 52.20; Greg Taylor, reimbursement, 46.62; Transfer to Library Fund, 7,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 2,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 190,000.00; University of Nebraska, state car fuel, 58.82; Viaero Wireless, phone, 79.76; Village of Harrison, utilities, 543.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Jed Wannarka, juror mileage, 25.52; Cathy Whetham, juror fees,



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35.00/mileage, 52.20; Rodney Willems, juror mileage, 69.630; JoAnn Wilson, juror mileage, 69.60; Michelle Zimmerman, standards book, 75.00/mileage, 875.80/ meals, 125.43/supplies, 22.96/juror meals, 76.90.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 28,468.47; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,745.47/employee share retirement, 1,163.60; Bauerkempers, repairs, 105.83; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Donald Brush, survey, 450.00; Centurylink, internet, 60.07; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 980.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., oil, 4,286.25; Frank Parts, parts, 124.00; Dan Franks, mileage, 280.00; Herren's, supply, 113.33; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 139.94; Ideal Linen, rugs, 32.65; Inland Truck Parts & Service, repairs, 2,000.44; Deere Credit, grader payment, 81,921.66; Kaufman Glass, glass repair, 259.50; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 314.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 17.81; Morrill Supply, supplies, 118.76; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 549.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 475.33; Nebraskaland Tire, supply, 39.80; Onxmaps, maps, 100.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,078.58; Powerplan, repairs, 8,331.36; Rudloff Trucking, trucking, 1,800.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,533.70/employee share social security, 1,533.70/county share medicare, 358.69/employee share medicare, 358.69/withholding, 878.99; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 113.25; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; Tip Top Tree Service, tree removal, 6,250.00; Transfer to Special Road fund, 85,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 680.61; Village of Harrison, utility, 96.65; Village of Morrill, electric102.30; WPCI, drug testing, 57.50.

SPECIAL ROAD FUND: Topkote, chip seal, 117,096.67.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,480.74; Amazon, supplies, 354.89; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 99.95/employee share retirement, 66.63; Centurylink, phone/internet, 147.59; Crawford Clipper, notice, 30.00; Demco, supplies, 28.94; Herren's, supplies, 28.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 50.13; NEA, electricity, 73.99; Quill Corporation, supplies, 136.57; Roanco Sprinklers, sprinkler system, 4,646.25; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 96.28; Security First Bank, county share social security, 91.81/employee share social security 91.81/county share medicare, 21.47/employee share medicare 21.47/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 99.00.

NOXIOUS WEED GRANT FUND: Transfer to Weed Fund, 6,200.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 150,000.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,707.86; Ag Spray Equipment, supplies, 413.25; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 317.78/employee share retirement, 211.85; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 60.07; Crawford Clipper, ad, 90.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,004.90; Herren Brothers, supplies, 34.65; Lotton's Service, fuel, 514.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 61.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 263.94/employee share social security, 263.94/county share medicare, 61.73/employee share medicare, 61.73/ withholding, 237.19.

Tim Kreider met with the board and presented the county with a dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$5,284.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve four computers to be added to the surplus property list. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Zimmerman clarified the taxation of property owned by NE Game & Parks Commission. Property purchased after 1977 is subject to in lieu of tax.





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Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer provided the board with a delinquent tax listing and financial reports for the road department. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to proceed with an agreement with Mobius to upgrade the phones in the courthouse. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Berggren, Architect met with the board to discuss the proposal for the lighting project in the courthouse. The board will review the contract and discuss it and approve or disapprove it at a meeting scheduled for October 15.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities. McCumbers has hired Deputy Greg Taylor. McCumbers will be meeting with the village board to discuss a possible contract.

Weed Superintendent Sanderson updated the board on recent activities.

Jenny Nixon met with the board and asked for clarification on the part-time clerical line item in the Extension Office budget. Achievement night is planned for the end of October.

Sue Willey commended Commissioner Geiser on his work with FEMA. The representatives have commented on Geiser's work as well. Willey updated the board on calls and issues she has received on roads.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2019-4, The County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Watershed Protection Program with the board. David Coe, Coe Engineering met with the board to discuss three sites that he has surveyed for the NRCS Watershed Program. The crossing on 33 Road was the first road discussed. John and Jory Geiser were in attendance and suggested other options for that project, using county crews to improve the crossing rather than the NRCS program. John and Jory offered to help with the fences during the project. Coe also discussed projects on West Hat Creek Road and Sand Creek Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to proceed with the projects on Sand Creek and West Hat Creek Roads. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. NRCS approval of the plans and landowner permission will be obtained in order to proceed.

The purchase of property by NE Game & Parks Commission was discussed.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk





# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 1, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the October 1 and 15, 2019 meetings. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 38,593.12; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,540.66/employee share, 1,729.25; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Johnson Campbell, mileage, ext. board, 78.88; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 104.95; Centurylink, phone, 222.95; Crawford Clipper, publications, 187.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; J. Adam Edmund, meals, 92.13/mileage, 580.00; Horse Creek Tire, service, 42.94; Jon Worthman Law Office, court appointed attorney, 320.00; LaQuinta by Wyndham, room, 560.00; Chad McCumbers, meals, 59.02/ hotel, 363.21/ mileage, 352.47.supplies, 143.35/ 152.77; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 3,360.00/ computers, 4,102.97; Mobius Communications, phone, 232.89; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, conference registration, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,003.83; NE Sheriff's Association, fees, 115.00; Neofunds, postage, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 455.97; Jennifer Nixon, postage, 55.85; Outlaw Printers, printing, 138.97; Quill Corporation, supplies, 284.97; Region 23, Emergency Management, civil defense 2020, 17,237.00; Regional West Medical Center, autopsy, 538.30; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 816.24; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 302.59; Scottie's Potties, rental, 75.00; Scottsbluff County Detention Center, housing, 375.00; Scottsbluff County Treasurer, probation, 909.97; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,104.14/employee share social security, 2,104.14/county share medicare 492.13/employee share medicare, 492.13/ withholding, 2,251.74; Sioux County Clerk, maps, 133.75; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.71/ postage, 55.00/ rooms, 1,006.44; Staples, supplies, 118.05; Joe Stecher, meals, 20.12; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 113.65; University of NE, State car, 638.03; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predatory animal control, 6,622.98; Viaero Wireless, phone, 31.43; Village of Harrison, utilities, 475.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Western Pathology Consultants, PC, autopsies, 1,325.00; JoAnn Wilson, juror fees, 35.00; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 519.10/ meals, 46.97.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 26,258.00; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,706.12/employee share retirement, 1,137.36; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 57.68; Crawford Clipper, publication, 37.42; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel & oil, 5,787.29; Floyd's Truck Center, supplies, 3,674.66; Frank Parts, parts, 79.99; Herren's, supply, 1,340.99; Hillbilly Industries, gravel hauling, 981.00; Ideal Linen, rugs, 33.95; Inland Truck Parts & Service, repairs, 145.04; Kaufman Glass, repair, 170.00; Lotton's Service & Repair, service, 66.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 6.67; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 410.87; Nebraskaland Tire, supply, 229.50; NEA, electric, 34.62; Office Depot, supplies, 58.19; Powerplan, repairs, 1,995.54; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,091.74; Security First Bank, county share



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social security, 1,396.65/employee share social security, 1,396.65/county share medicare, 326.64/employee share medicare, 326.64/withholding, 724.79; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 256.99; Steve's Truck & Equipment, repair, 120.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; Transfer to Special Road fund, 11,000.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 312.63; Village of Harrison, utility, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 104.29; WPCI, drug testing, 100.00.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND, DOT FHWA, services, 14.20.

SPECIAL ROAD FUND: Contractor Services, Inc., striping, 11,000.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,434.15; Amazon, supplies, 335.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 96.81/employee share retirement, 64.54; Bluff's Sanitary Supply, supplies, 54.99; Centurylink, phone/internet, 147.78; Crawford Clipper, notice, 5.70; Engravers, supply, 27.00; Herren's, supplies, 14.78; Kapco, supplies, 84.06; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.29; NEA, electricity, 90.00 Roanco Sprinklers, sprinkler system, 295.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 88.92/employee share social security 88.92/county share medicare, 20.80/employee share medicare 20.80/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 65.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,107.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 209.78/employee share retirement, 139.885; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 57.69 Herren Brothers, supplies, 69.97; Lotton's Service, fuel, 146.50; NE Weed Control Assoc., training, 240.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 27.64; Office Depot, supplies, 58.19; Security First Bank, county share social security, 164.74/employee share social security, 164.74/county share medicare, 38.53/employee share medicare, 38.53/ withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects was contacted by phone in order to clarify items in the agreement for the courthouse lighting project. The Architect's Basic Services fee was discussed, and Berggren clarified that the fee would include engineers taking advantage of the trip to investigate the next projects of HVAC and windows, gathering all information in one trip. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the contract and direct Commissioner Skavdahl to execute the contract on behalf of Sioux County. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer provided the board with financial reports for the road department. Klein provided the board with a listing of distress warrants and discussed county tax sale certificates.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers has purchased a 2011 Dodge Charger from Merrick County. McCumbers advised the board of costs of upgrades and repairs of the vehicle. McCumbers inquired about the old library space in the courthouse. He would like to use it as an investigative room. The other elected officials are to be consulted before using items in storage.

Discussion was held on the advertisement and job description for Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the advertisement and job description. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Sioux County Attorney's office to go forward with the condemnation of Deep Creek and Cobble Hill Roads across Board of Educational Lands and Funds property. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Three bids for propane were opened. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the bids and award the propane contract to Panhandle Coop for \$1.25 per gallon for 7,000 gallons. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Gary Thayer discussed the Watershed Protection Program with the board. Thayer has contacted Stacey Swinney concerning bridge inspections.

Thayer advised the board that Sue Willey has been working hard on the FEMA project. Deadlines need to be met, and hours and locations are needed from Gordon Mathis before we can move forward.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Certification of County Highway Superintendent, and Resolution of Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form for Gary Thayer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

Mike Kesslering introduced Kerri Rempp as the new Northwest Nebraska Tourism Director. Sioux and Dawes County have gone together and share a website for this. Kesslering updated the board on the state tourism conference, and future conferences and travel shows as well. Kesslering updated the board on lodging tax collections for Airbnb's. Three grant applications have been submitted to the Sioux County Travel Board. Two grant applications have been received from the Sioux County Historical Society, one for an ad in the Nebraska Travel Magazine for \$515.00, and the other for repairs and repainting of buildings, that request is for \$1,000.00. Katie Reece has requested \$250 for advertising for Shop Hometown Harrison. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the recommendations of the three grants.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 2, 2019.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



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Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 2, 2019

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 2, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. 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 Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the November 1 and 15, 2019 meetings. On roll call vote Skavdahl, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 37,905.42; Adam's Lock & Key, key fob, 160.00; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 274.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 191.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,545.92/employee share, 1,733.72; Berggren Architects, lighting project engineering, 10,250.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,651.80; Johnson Campbell, mileage, ext. board, 76.56; Centurylink, internet, 32.50/ phone 224.81; Crawford Clipper, publications, 207.30; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court-appointed attorney, 4,260.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 218.84; Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, court-appointed attorney, 6,833.50; Herren Brothers, supplies, 37.97; Horse Creek Tire, supply, 12.00; Intralinks, Inc., repairs, 90.53; Jon Worthman Law Office, court appointed attorney, 13,500.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 81.20; Kreider Insurance, bond, 286.00; Lotton's Service, repairs, 864.92; Brandon Loy, mileage, 469.22; Chad McCumbers, U-Haul, 63.12/ supplies, 125.53/ fuel, 41.20; Merrick County Sheriff, Dodge Charger, 1,400.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,319.54; Mobius Communications, phone, 617.00; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, conference registration, 375.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1006.27; NE Sheriff's Association, dues, 115.00; NEA, electricity, 1,318.37; Niobrara Electric Association, heater repairs, 933.92; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 80.62; Office Depot, supplies, 143.91; Outlaw Printers, printing, 106.25; Print Express, supplies, 267.63; Quill Corporation, supplies, 305.16; Ramada Inn, rooms, 267.00; Regional West Medical Center, toxicology, 413.30; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 692.47; Sarah Sanderson, custodial contract, 1,200.00; Sarah Sanderson, custodial supply, 272.01; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,061.50/employee share social security, 2,061.50/county share medicare 482.16/employee share medicare, 482.16/ withholding, 2,259.09; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 10,508.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 18.97/ postage, 22.05; Staples, supplies, 604.76; Joe Stecher, mileage, 85.26; TGS Manufacturing, ammunition, 382.00; Thompson Glass, windshield, 248.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 21,000.00; UNL Extension, state car fuel, 15.92; Viaero Wireless, phone, 30.74; Village of Harrison, utilities, 341.84; Vistabeam, 63.95; Aaron Voss, radar system, 1,038.00; Whiteaker's, uniform, 64.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 209.96/ typewriter, 401.25.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 25,626.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 462.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 203.46; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 1,720.73/employee share retirement, 1,147.10; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 15,654.24; Centurylink, internet, 57.90; Elliot Chapman, part, 7.20; Crawford Clipper, publication, 45.40; Dan's Welding & Repair, repairs, 70.00; Deluxe Radiator, supply, 200.00; Dooley Oil, Inc., fuel & oil, 5,524.70; Floyd's Truck Center, supplies, 200.58; Frank Parts, parts, 370.11 Groskopf Manufacturing, supplies, 5,640.66; Herren's, supply, 221.59; Ideal Linen, rugs, 33.95; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 25.00; Morrill Hardware, supplies 4.99; Morrill Supply, supplies, 235.03; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 410.74; Nebraska Machinery, repairs,





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18,177.41; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 4,400.90; NEA, electric, 136.16; Office Depot, supplies, 173.75; Panhandle Coop System, supplies, 745.50; Powerplan, repairs, 740.11; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,397.62; RW Rising & Family Trucking, LLC, hauling, 1,689.50; Security First Bank, county share social security, 1,357.51/employee share social security, 1,357.51/county share medicare, 317.49/employee share medicare, 317.49/withholding, 745.45; Simon East Region, NE, rip rap, 1,563.15; Josh Skavahl, parts, 48.34; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 1,271.02; Stacy Swinney, bridge inspections, 4,030.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 25.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 687.71; Village of Harrison, utility, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electric, 116.19; Walt's Lathe & Machine, repairs, 80.77.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Sioux County Historical Society, ad, 515.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,753.59; Amazon, supplies, 419.19; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 118.37/employee share retirement, 78.91; Centurylink, phone/internet, 148.65; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.02; NEA, electricity, 176.92; The Penworthy Company, books, 224.00; Production Automation Corporation, rugs, 583.56; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 51.37; Security First Bank, county share social security, 108.72/employee share social security 108.72/county share medicare, 25.43/employee share medicare 25.43/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 57.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Jamian Simmons, review, 50.00; Transfer to General Fund, 50,000.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,407.86; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 230.03/employee share retirement, 153.35; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,088.28; Centurylink, internet, 57.90; Crawford Clipper, weed insert, 94.50; Herren Brothers, supplies, 26.65; Lotton's Service, fuel, 47.00; NE Weed Control Assoc., dues, 125.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 29.49; Office Depot, supplies, 143.91; Panhandle Weed Control Assn. dues, 50.00; Ramada Inn, room, 152.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 394.40/meals, 55.05; Noel Santistevan, meals, 27.12; Security First Bank, county share social security, 183.34/employee share social security, 183.34/county share medicare, 42.88/employee share medicare, 42.88/withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assessor submitted monthly reports. Light fixtures were reviewed for the courthouse lighting project.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer provided the board with financial reports for the road department. Klein advised the board that she had to transfer \$50,000 from the Inheritance Fund to pay the bills this month.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2019-6, a resolution to borrow \$50,000 from the Inheritance Fund to cover December expenses. The transfer is considered a loan and will be transferred back to the Inheritance fund prior to May 1, 2020. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Geiser pointed out that compared to the previous two years, finances are better this year.

Sheriff McCumbers updated the board on recent activities. Sheriff McCumbers said that the Charger is requiring less maintenance than he thought, so he may be doing some cosmetic updates to it. Merrick County has two more available for \$1,200 each, and there is a possibility of obtaining an SUV from Scottsbluff County. An agreement with the Village of Harrison has been drafted for the sheriff's department to provide services to enforce village ordinances. A final draft will come before the county board.

Nick Sanderson provided his office evaluation to the board. Sanderson updated the board on activities.





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Jenny Nixon updated the board on 4-H activities. Hiring someone on a contract basis to do certain programs was discussed.

Stacey Swinney met with the board and updated them on bridge inspections that he has recently completed.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to allow Elliot Chapman to carry over one vacation day. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the Fracture Critical Bridge inspection with Nebraska Department of Roads. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned from 12:00 to 1:00 for a lunch recess.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M. The Sioux County Board \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ meet January 2, 2020.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk