

# Sioux County Board Minutes



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

January 3, 2023

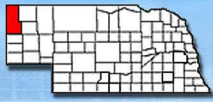
The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 3, 2023 at 9:25 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the Contryman Audit. 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, 45,635.03; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 321.95; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,646.77/employee share, 1,805.70; Sarah Bannan, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Blue 360 Media, LLC, manual, 90.75; Donald Brush, survey, 2,845.00; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,791.88; Centurylink, internet, 482.77/phone, 235.90; Contryman Associates, PC, audit, 12,300.00; Crawford Clipper, notices, 641.55; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Herren's, supplies, 532.89; Holiday Inn, Kearney, rooms, 959.60; Lotton's, fuel, 53.30; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Dexter Mathis, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 255.69; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,875.03; Brad Munson, grounds, 500.00; NACO, dues, 1,202.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,148.47; NEA, electricity, 1,784.20; JoElla Norman, deductible reimbursement, 1,350.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 227.47; Robby Rhembrandt, CPR course, 150.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 535.17; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,570.18/employee share social security, 2,570.18/county share medicare 601.07/employee share medicare, 601.07/ withholding, 2,227.68; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Josh Skavdahl, deductible reimbursement, 2,700.00; ; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Staples, office supplies, 106.92; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 97.63; Village of Harrison, utilities, 339.84; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 471.88/room, 158.80.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,017.44; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 717.50; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 776.61; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,157.97/employee share retirement, 1,438.64; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,396.08; Centurylink, internet, 80.90; Contractors Materials, supplies, 448.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,207.57; Frank Parts, supplies, 389.44; Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, supplies, 48.69; Herren's, repairs, 267.49; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 479.80; Inland Truck Parts & Service, supplies, 4,367.41; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, 300.10; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; MBKEM Enterprise, LLC, repairs, 6,339.57; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 128.05; Morrill Supply, supplies, 95.76; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 321.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 901.49; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 460.35; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 498.10; NEA, electric, 113.59; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 142.48; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 2,800.80; James Phipps, fuel, 94.61; Powerplan, repairs, 1,210.35; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 7,217.84; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,106.75 /employee share social security, 2,106.75/county share medicare, 492.69/employee share medicare, 492.69/withholding, 1,688.29; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 358.78; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 30.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 414.29; Village of Harrison, utilities, 94.65; Village of Morrill, electricity, 117.72; WCPI, testing, 100.00; Westco, fuel, 36.43.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 485.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Discover Northwest Nebraska, tourism, 300.00.



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LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,697.93; Amazon, supplies, 179.30; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 114.61/employee share retirement, 76.41, Centurylink, phone/internet, 153.27; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 144.95; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, cleaning, 289.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 52.31; NEA, electricity, 229.81; Security First Bank, county share social security, 105.27/employee share social security 105.27/county share medicare, 24.62/employee share medicare 24.62/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 55.00.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,335.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 350.20.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,396.05; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 229.23/employee share retirement, 152.82; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 80.90; Lotton's Service & Repairs, fuel, 30.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 30.21; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 150.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 177.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 179.17/employee share social security, 179.17/county share medicare, 41.90/employee share medicare, 41.90/withholding, 150.00.

Elected officials were sworn into office prior to the meeting.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Discussion was held on the current maintenance contract for the courthouse. An ad will be run to accept proposals for the snow removal and lawn care contract.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the contract for professional mineral appraisal services for tax years 2023 and 2024 with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the NE Dept. of Transportation census map submitted with no changes. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the audit performed by Contryman and Associates. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. The audit can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's office.

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

Nick Sanderson submitted his control plan to the board. Chairman Skavdahl signed the plan.

LeAnne Skavdahl submitted the monthly fee report for the sheriff's department.

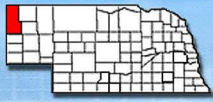
Jenny Nixon requested the approval of Nick Sanderson and Shylee Grimm to the Extension Board. Nick's term is a renewal, and Shylee Grimm is a new member. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the members. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Pesticide training will be in March at the firehall.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to designate [sioux.mipsweb.info](http://sioux.mipsweb.info) as the county's official website for 2023. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as the county's official newspaper for all publications for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Security First Bank as the county depository for 2023. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve NPAIT for the investment of Sioux County Funds for 2023. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Downer to appoint Jim Phipps County Highway Superintendent for 2023. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser, the following appointments were adopted for 2023.

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 Jackie Delatour; 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 – Rep. Josh Skavdahl, alternate Hal Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

New Year's Day– Monday, January 2, 2023 (observed)

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 16, 2023

President's Day – Monday, February 20, 2023

Arbor Day – Friday, April 28, 2023

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2023

Juneteenth-Monday, June 19, 2023

Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2023

Veteran's Day – Friday, November 10, 2023 (observed)

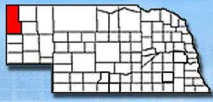
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 23, 2023

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Day -Monday, January 1, 2024

And all days declared by law or proclamation of the Governor to be a holiday according to Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1001 (3), "For purposes of this Section, paid holidays shall include all of the days enumerated in Section 25-2221 and all days declared by law or proclamation of the President or Governor to be holidays." Exceptions may include law enforcement, security, military and employees engaged in other essential functions, such as 24-hour facilities. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2023. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps advised the board that his Superintendent certification has been upgraded to a Class A license. The incentive payment from the state will increase due to the upgraded license.

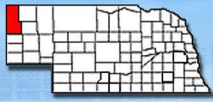
Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Centurylink's permit for installation of fiber optics in Morrill Road and Henry Road rights-of-way. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet February 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk





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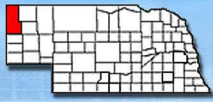
Harrison, Nebraska

February 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Tim Kreider 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 January 3, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. 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, 50,713.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,754.73/employee share, 1,880.20; Beef State Agency, LLC, insurance, 38,236.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 11,922.53; Centurylink, internet, 236.70/phone, 469.94; Elliot Chapman, deductible reimbursement, 2,600.00; Crawford Clipper, notices, 135.22; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 359.00; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies, 447.34; Herren's, supplies, 532.89; Horse Creek Tire, service, 97.02; Kreider Insurance, insurance, 1,603.00; Lotton's, fuel, service, 724.10; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Eric McCoy, deductible reimbursement, 2,542.74; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 206.07; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,431.25; My Shop Angel, supplies, 356.94; NE Assn of County Treasurers, dues, 50.00; NE Assn of County Assessors, dues, 60.00; NE District Court Clerks Assn., dues, 50.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., annual, 61.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,369.78; NEA, electricity, 2,245.11; Panhandle Co. Treasurer's assoc., dues, 25.00; Quadiant Finance, postage, 1,000.00; Quill, supplies, 200.41; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 953.57; Roanco Sprinklers, service grounds, 150.00; Nick Sanderson, deductible reimbursement, 459.35; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,888.79/employee share social security, 2,888.79/county share medicare 675.63/employee share medicare, 675.63/ withholding, 2,668.37; Security First Bank, box rent, 17.00; Sioux County Court, court costs, 71.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Staples, office supplies, 348.67; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 12,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 92.22; U-line, supplies, 276.14; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 2,024.04; Village of Harrison, utilities, 369.75; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 258.76.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,467.92; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, garnishment, 51.35; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 215.26; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,385.40/employee share retirement, 1,590.24; Beef State agency, insurance, 67,033.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,396.08; Centurylink, internet, 80.76; Dooley Oil, fuel, 333.24; Fastenal Company, supplies, 2,379.17; Herren's, repairs, 369.57; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, service, 2,199.55; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 128.05; Morrill Supply, supplies, 81.88; Murphy Tractor,V-plow, 6,000.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, annual, 249.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 935.14; NE Dept. of Transportation, sand, 582.75; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 813.79; Newman Signs, signs, 378.01; NEA, electric, 271.53; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 2,518.24; Powerplan, repairs, 5,575.09; Precision Air, supplies, 121.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel,



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repairs, 18,449.94; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,252.68 /employee share social security, 2,252.68/county share medicare, 526.83/employee share medicare, 526.83/withholding, 1,708.27; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 173.32; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 318.41; Village of Harrison, utilities, 93.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 127.71; Watson Mfg., Inc., repair, 125.16; Wilburns Transmissions, Inc., repair, 5,569.26.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Chadrad Communications, Inc., ad, 100.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 5.44.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Chadrad Communications, ad, 100.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,748.44; Amazon, supplies, 36.53; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 118.02/employee share retirement, 78.68, Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,580.00; Centurylink, phone/internet, 170.45; Collaborative Summer Library Program, program, 187.49; Herren's, supplies, 8.79; Junior Library Guild, books, 69.00; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 65.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 53.40; NEA, electricity, 369.63; Jeff Quinn, program, 400.00; Roanco Sprinklers, service, 150.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 108.40/employee share social security 108.40/county share medicare, 25.35/employee share medicare 25.35/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50; Windbreak Cable, fiber and installation, 194.90.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,236.25.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 3,510.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Beef State Agency, insurance, 6,088.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 80.77; Herren's, supplies, 91.18; Lotton's Service & Repairs, fuel, 68.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.34; Nick Sanderson, Norton, 129.99; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 150.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 177.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/ withholding, 150.00.

Tim Kreider, Kreider Insurance, advised the board that Kreider Insurance Agency has been sold to Justin Tollman, who is doing business as Beef State Agency. The current insurance policy was reviewed. Tim thanked the board for their business over the past years, and the board thanked Tim for his service. Justin gave an update as well.

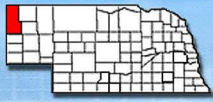
Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Correspondence was read. Discussion was held on the snow shoveling at the courthouse. Jim Phipps and the road employees have been shoveling.

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

Librarian Sarah Sanderson and library board member Dash Rohan met with the board to request getting an Amazon store credit card for book purchases. Amazon will no longer accept 30-day term accounts. No action taken.

Sheriff McCumbers provided his monthly fee report to the board. McCumbers advised the board that the Tahoe should be here by the end of the month. The 2014 pickup will be decommissioned and transferred to the road department.

Spike Jordan, Veteran's Service Officer reported on work he is doing to help veterans in the county.



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Jenny Nixon gave updates regarding upcoming activities.

Micah Neill, Zelle HR reviewed the employee handbook with those in attendance. Some adjustments were made.

One bid for the maintenance contract was opened. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to hire Rustin Starkey for \$650.00 per month, with Rustin providing liability insurance. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps discussed the purchase of a 2007 Chevrolet pickup from his father-in-law. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the part-time employees and budgeting. Gravel crushing, chip sealing and maintenance issues were also discussed.

Val Jansante, Community Liaison for Representative Adrian Smith attended the meeting. Val updated the board on issues that Representative Smith is dealing with. Smith has been appointed Chairman of the subcommittee on trade.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet March 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
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March 1, 2023

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Morrill Hardware, supplies, 204.36; Morrill Supply, supplies, 81.58; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 953.29; NE Dept. of Transportation, sand, 361.35; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 17,321.01; Newman Signs, signs, 325.15; NEA, electric, 390.67; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 4,087.52; James Phipps, mileage, VIN, 86.64; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, supplies, 3,188.92; Powerplan, repairs, 199.05; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 17,143.85; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,279.98 /employee share social security, 2,279.98/county share medicare, 533.22/employee share medicare, 533.22/withholding, 1,746.35; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 245.11; Squaw Creek Ranch, gravel, 11,168.00 Chase Staudenmaier, gravel, 12,007.00; Steve's Truck, repair, 150.00; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U Save Mart, fuel, 409.62; Village of Harrison, utilities, 93.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 123.18; WCPI, drug testing, 136.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Jean Norman, tourism, 200.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,635.75; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 110.41/employee share retirement, 73.61, Books-A-Million, books, 488.52; Centurylink, phone/internet, 73.98; Crawford Clipper, notice, 8.84; Demco, supplies, 86.24; Herren's, supplies, 6.49; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 50.97; NEA, electricity, 324.26; Quill, supplies, 106.08; Security First Bank, county share social security, 101.42/employee share social security 101.42/county share medicare, 23.72/employee share medicare 23.72/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 59.50

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,377.28.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 4,624.50; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project supplies, 27,067.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 81.37; Herren's, supplies, 15.27; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, training, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.34; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 65.50; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 150.41; Quill Corporation, supplies, 177.95; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/withholding, 150.00.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. 2023 agland values were reviewed.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. The county tax sale will be held Monday, March 6.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on upcoming weed spraying projects on White River.

Sheriff McCumbers provided his monthly fee report to the board. McCumbers advised the board that the new vehicle is being shipped. The contract with USDA is being reviewed.

Spike Jordan, Veteran's Service Officer reported that he will be attending a conference in Broken Bow at the end of April.

Jenny Nixon gave updates regarding upcoming seminars and workshops.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps requested that Bill Mack be allowed to carry over 29 hours of vacation time. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the carry-over. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign a gravel contract with Chase Staudenmaier. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Gravel has been crushed at the Lange, Jordan and Staudenmaier pits.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Centurylink's permit for installation of fiber optics in Morrill Road and Henry Road rights-of-way, pursuant to Sioux County's regulations. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on chip-sealing Liberty Oil Road, Morrill Road and Monroe Canyon Roads.

Jessie McDonald, recently hired government trapper introduced himself to those in attendance.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Glen and Joan Patrone and Linda Stangle attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps presented a summary of projects, and items were discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to close the public hearing, and open back into regular session.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 3, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 3, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 3, 2023 at 9:25 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 50,081.92; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,712.00/employee share, 1,850.03; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,736.88; Centurylink, internet, 479.85/phone, 236.70; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00; Lotton's, fuel, 39.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 101.84; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,339.37; NEA, electricity, 1,822.39; Panhandle Assessors Association, dues, 100.00; Quadient Leasing, lease, 840.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 601.36; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,849.62/employee share social security, 2,849.62/county share medicare 666.44/employee share medicare, 666.44/ withholding, 2,793.47; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund: 1,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 110,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 367.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 506.32.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,308.62; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,176.95/employee share retirement, 1,451.27; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,328.58; Donald Brush, survey, 2,620.00; Centurylink, internet, 83.40; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 105.00; Pepper Dodge, CDL reimbursement, 100.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 3,843.56; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 13.40; Herren's, repairs, 304.44; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 74.57; K Farms, gravel, 14,194.12; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, service, 271.24; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 585.77; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 163.65; Morrill Supply, supplies, 256.45; NE Motor Fuels Division, fuel tax, 177.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 956.69; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 7,176.19; NEA, electric, 307.67; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 224.27; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 851.83; Powerplan, repairs, 1,288.35; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 5,832.74; RTS Shearing, gravel

crushing, 100,000.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,146.05 /employee share social security, 2,146.05/county share medicare, 501.91/employee share medicare, 501.91/withholding, 1,927.73; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 171.54; Staples, supplies, 289.96; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 434.15; Village of Harrison, utilities, 115.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 115.32.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 300.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 300.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,806.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.95/employee share retirement, 81.30, Books-A-Million, books, 436.87; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.69; Herren's, supplies, 11.99; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 54.66; NEA, electricity, 312.39; Quill, supplies, 280.78; Security First Bank, county share social security, 112.01/employee share social security 112.01/county share medicare, 26.20/employee share medicare 26.20/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,188.64.

INHERITANCE FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 110,000.00

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 877.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 83.40; Herren's, supplies, 35.47; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 33.34; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 192.93; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 445.40; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/ withholding, 150.00.

Mike Kesselring and Kerri Rempp met with the board to discuss tourism. A letter of support from the Sioux County Travel and Tourism Board for a full-time permanent USDA trapper was presented to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the appointment of Rick Arnold to be a voting member on the tourism board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Lodging tax was discussed. Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Geiser to grant Kerri Rempp the authority to educate businesses to collect lodging tax. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Kesselring encouraged the board to keep product on Sowbelly and Toadstool Roads and keep them maintained, promoting tourism. Weight restrictions on Toadstool Road during the spring is helpful. The exit signs on both ends of Harrison will be updated. The board was invited to the tourism workshop on April 20 at the Dawes County Fairgrounds. Sioux County Fair and Rodeo has been nominated for a tourism award, that will be awarded that day as well. Mike is holding "Living Sober" meetings on the second Sunday of every month at 5:30 at his house.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. 2023 agland values were reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve a Contract for Appraisal Services with Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to allow employees not on BC/BS insurance to receive Life Insurance and Long Term Disability through NACO, and allowing employees who are covered under the Basic Life the option to purchase supplemental life insurance. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

The Nebraska Extension Annual Report for Sioux County was submitted.

Nick Sanderson shared a letter he had received from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program, stating that he received the Outstanding Superintendent for Region 5 award from Nebraska Weed Control Association.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps submitted an application from Lonnie Douthit to bury a pipeline under Rimrock Road. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Centurylink's permit for installation of fiber optics in Morrill Road and Henry Road rights-of-way was discussed. More information will be requested.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to surplus road inventory as follows: 2004 Chevy pickup, 2002 Dodge pickup, portable rock crusher and a camper shell. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the purchase of a 2012 pickup from federal surplus for \$13,500. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Phipps will be advertising for a road employee.

Allen Jordan gave a legislative update.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk





SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

April 18, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on April 18, 2023 at 10:00 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 Downer seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of a recorded exemption submitted by William C. Eberspecher. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer.

A public hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following members of the public present: Jory Geiser, Harold and Wilma Andrews, Joy Dexter and Allen Jordan. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comment on a conditional use permit submitted by Dale Wickersham to allow Mr. Wickersham to build a six space RV campground in Section 25 Township 31, Range 53. The permit was previously approved by the Sioux County Planning Commission on the condition that the applicant make improvements to the road at the intersection of Glendy Road and Vogl Loop Road, in order to handle additional traffic.

Joy Dexter addressed the board with concerns regarding the conditional use permit submitted by Mr. Wickersham. Ms. Dexter questioned the legality of the permit. The change of use of the land from agricultural was questioned, stating that the property was purchased as and used as ag. Questions on the application have not been answered. Ms. Dexter would like to see a business and marketing plan submitted. Other concerns were expressed by Ms. Dexter.

Harold Andrews stated that White River Road is one of the most used roads in Sioux County, and that it is very rough. He is opposed to more traffic on the road at this time.

Road Superintendent Phipps stated that his perspective is that the county can't dictate what people can do on their private property. Phipps and County Attorney Edmund agreed that any work done to the county road during the construction phase will be done by the county.

County Attorney Edmund advised that we need to be careful with our overreach of private property rights.

A letter from Moni Hourt was received.

The public hearing was closed at 11:02, and the board reconvened into regular session.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the permit with the condition that the permittee work with the Sioux County Road superintendent if there are any road issues. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jory Geiser addressed the board with road issues and questions.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to add a tool box and headache rack to the surplus property list for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Recorded exemption #2023-3 submitted by Bill Eberspecher to split two existing parcels in order to sell portions to three purchasers in Sections 24 and 25, Township 32, Range 53 was reviewed. Upon a motion by Downer, seconded by Geiser, the exemption was approved. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J. W. Geiser, the meeting adjourned from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a lunch recess.

Micah Neill, Zelle reviewed the personnel policy and progress on the document.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

/s/Josh Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

May 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the April 3 and 18, 2023 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 47,448.15; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,625.95/employee share, 1,789.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, computers, 11,114.75; Centurylink, internet, 477.06/phone, 235.93; Cobblestone Hotel, room, 285.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 139.40; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 11.03; Federal Surplus Property; supplies, 300.00; Fire & Ice Mechanical, Inc. repairs, 711.62; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00/reimbursements, 14,216.76; AT & T Mobility, phones, 51.12; David Howell, mileage, 144.10; Robert Allen Jordan, dues, mileage, 520.25; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 46.80; Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, handbook, 385.95; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 66.45; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; MOCIC, supply, 100.00; NACO, workshop, 125.00; National Assoc. of County Veterans Service Officers, dues, 50.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, workshop, textbook, 415.00; NE Dept. of Labor, penalty, 173.29; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, testing, 52.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,233.57; NEA, electricity, 1,837.88; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, 34.06; JoElla Norman, mileage, 151.96; Quadiant Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 302.82; Radar Shop, supplies, 128.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 570.08; Riverside Technologies, inc., computers, 6,564.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,686.33/employee share social security, 2,686.33/county share medicare 628.26/employee share medicare, 628.26/ withholding, 2,653.10; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/subscription, 45.00/ postage, 5.05/ supplies, 44.09; Staples, supplies, 96.89; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 130,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 97.25; Uline, supplies, 332.36; UNL-Lincoln, computer, 2,627.75; USDA,APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control, 8,370.46; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, room, 297.33.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,201.14; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement,

2,159.22/employee share retirement, 1,439.45; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,328.58; Centurylink, internet, 83.07; Cornhusker, room, 98.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 2,614.46; Federal Surplus Property, pickup, 13,700.00; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 87.81; Frank Parts, parts, 278.85; Herren's, repairs, 30.58; Inland Truck Parts, supplies, 1,105.59; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, service, 78.30; Manley Welding, repairs, 588.00; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Eric McCoy, mileage, meals, supplies, 1,189.90; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 4.99; Morrill Supply, supplies, 21.99; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 946.41; NE Dept. of Transportation, materials, 248.85; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 87,466.08; NEA, electric, 283.72; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 2,196.56; James Phipps, fuel, fees, 320.39; Powerplan, repairs, 11,848.99; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 8,795.09; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,139.38 /employee share social security, 2,139.38/county share medicare, 500.35/employee share medicare, 500.35/withholding, 1,915.36; Sioux County Treasurer, titles, 20.00; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 148.68; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 427.27; Village of Harrison, utilities, 97.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 93.74.

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND: Bytes Computer Solutions, computer, 1,404.49.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,712.09; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 115.57/employee share retirement, 77.04, Books-A-Million, books, 629.61; Centurylink, phone/internet, 37.94; Crawford Clipper, publications, 8.16; Mid America Books, books, 177.60; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.62; NEA, electricity, 306.98; The Penworthy Co, supplies, 185.00; Quill, supplies, 193.65; Sarah Sanderson, books, program, 282.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 106.15/employee share social security 106.15/county share medicare, 24.83/employee share medicare 24.83/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Sioux County Treasurer, reimbursement, 1,947.00; Zelle, human resources fee, 4,260.69.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 83.08; Federal Surplus Property, supplies, 135.00; Herren's, supplies, 42.59; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 249.90; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 32.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.34; Nick Sanderson, mileage, meals, 121.65; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/withholding, 175.00.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP and Matt Jones and Austin Paxson from Nextera Energy Resources met with the board with an informal update on the wind project. 65,000 acres have been leased, with an additional 10,000 to 15,000 more to go. Permitting and finalization of the plan will be ongoing for the next year or so. The plan is to have it operating by the end of 2025 with 100 to 106 towers. They are working on a road plan, and will coordinate that with Road Superintendent Phipps.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation regarding courtroom upgrades was reviewed.



Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign the MOU. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates raising by 3.98%.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a contract with Contryman Associates for 2023, 2024 and 2025 audits. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update on spraying. A contractor will start on the White River spraying project next week. They will be working on the Niobrara River as well. Nick has requested funding to spray north of the ridge. Chairman Skavdahl signed an office evaluation for Sanderson.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. McCumbers reported that the Charger is broke down, so the Dodge Ram is still in service. He will sell the Charger on Purple Wave if it is not fixable. The new Tahoe is not here, but on its way. McCumbers has submitted a grant request for equipment for the Tahoe. New computers have been ordered. McCumbers is considering charging mileage for onsite VIN inspections. An auditor from the training center will be coming out to audit the office's training.

Allen Jordan VSO updated the board on training he has taken and projects he is working on. Jordan gave a legislative update and also discussed other items of interest.

Jenny Nixon met with the board to discuss how to go forward with the 4-H program, as far as staffing in the county following her retirement.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps reported on research he has done on purchasing a drag for the county roads. Phipps would like to demo one. Jory Geiser asked about ranchers pulling it with the tractor the county leases to spray weeds. Attorney Edmund will look into the liability issue of that.

Charging an Occupancy Fee for companies using the county rights-of-way was discussed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Road ROW application submitted by Lumen. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Current road projects were discussed.

Micah Neill, Zelle reviewed updates to the personnel handbook. The handbook should be ready for final reading in the next week or two.

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 June 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. J.W. Geiser 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, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 49,418.82; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 158.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,673.09/employee share, 1,822.58; Aging Office of Western NE. 2023 assessment, 728.00; Applied Concepts, radar unit, 1,444.00; Beef State Agency, worker's comp and liability, 1,275.54; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 16,693.95; Bob Ruwart Motors, 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe, down payment, 9,450.00; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 3,681.88; Centurylink, internet, 479.54/phone, 235.93; Crawford Clipper, publications, 275.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 134.28; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00/reimbursements, 6,042.53; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.16; gWorks, GIS yearly fee, 8,795.00; Herren's, supplies, 51.29; Lacy Klein, mileage, 91.70; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 408.18; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,783.95; NACO, dues, 1,204.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,283.34; NEA, electricity, 1,345.06; Jennifer Nixon, mileage, supplies, 787.99; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 468.37; Panhandle Co. Assessors Association, training, 227.60; Pritchard & Abbott, mineral appraisal, 300.00; Quadiant Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 265.04; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 1,113.78; Riverside Technologies, inc., computers, 6,564.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,808.51/employee share social security, 2,808.51/county share medicare 656.84/employee share medicare, 656.84/ withholding, 2,665.83; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Dan Skavdahl, room, mileage, 833.96; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/dues & seminar, 1,175.00; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 8.23; Stanard Appraisal Service, Inc., appraisal, 6,863.00; Star Herald, subscription, 358.59; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 3,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 2,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 109.60; UNL- Extension, Box Butte County, fuel, 28.53; Village of Harrison, utilities, 369.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, camera, 213.67.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,216.54; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 189.22; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement,

2,160.26/employee share retirement, 1,440.15; Beef State Agency, worker's comp, liability, 3,714.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 14,328.58; Cody Bruegger, welding, 487.50; Centurylink, internet, 82.77; Crawford Clipper, ads, 86.20; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,842.18; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 41.46; Frank Parts, parts, 93.36; Groskopf Manufacturing, repairs, 9,907.58; Herren's, repairs, 7,785.99; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 12.00; Lotton's, repairs, 120.37; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Modern Farm Equipment, tractor rental, 4,200.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 47.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 942.86; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 1,021.91; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 1,535.34; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 715.75; Powerplan, repairs, 919.32; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, repairs, 15,413.24; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,140.33 /employee share social security, 2,140.33/county share medicare, 500.57/employee share medicare, 500.57/withholding, 1,910.59; LeAnne Skavdahl, supplies, 177.25; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 39.90; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 763.52; Village of Harrison, utilities, 97.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 82.02, WPCI, screening, 136.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 132.65.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Chadrad Communications, tourism, 142.50.

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, recording books, 1,226.41.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,890.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 127.59/employee share retirement, 85.06, Books-A-Million, books, 457.98; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.47; Crawford Clipper, publications, 8.16; Herren's, supplies, 18.98; Junior Library Guild, books, 67.14; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 81.46; NEA, electricity, 120.96; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 113.41; Security First Bank, county share social security, 117.19/employee share social security 117.19/county share medicare, 27.41/employee share medicare 27.41/withholding, 100.00; VFW Hall, rental, 75.00; Village of Harrison, water, 57.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

ARPA FUND: Zelle, human resources fee, 4,231.22.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 2,194.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Beef State Agency, worker's comp, 204.24; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,365.37; Centurylink, internet, 82.78; Crawford Clipper, ads, 270.00; Herren's, supplies, 312.13; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, repairs, 857.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.34; Nick Sanderson, mileage, software, 216.87; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/ withholding, 175.00.

Jesse McDonald, USDA trapper and Gale Henry met with the board. McDonald presented the 2023-2024 contract for predator control services. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the contract. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. McDonald would like

to purchase a thermal scope and split the cost with Dawes County. Jake Stewart entered the meeting and said that Dawes County would be willing to split that cost. Gale Henry stated that Jesse is a good person, and we need to keep him. Henry appreciates the county's help with the predator control.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Zimmerman asked that 4 computers with monitors be added to the surplus property list, to be advertised for sale. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to add the items. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

July 27 and 28 were set for protest hearing dates.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Geiser to appoint Michelle Zimmerman the budget making authority for 2023-2024. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a contract with Rustin Starkey for grounds maintenance services. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update on spraying. Noel Santistevan has started spraying. Sanderson would like to increase Santistevan's wages and to reimburse him for use of his 4-wheeler. The items will be added to his budget.

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. The Tahoe is coming, and equipment will be installed. McCumbers wants to auction off the Charger as is. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the 2023 USDA contract. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Allen Jordan VSO updated the board on the new VSO program. Amy Buckley is the new post commander. Jordan would like to get the monument on the lawn cleaned. Jordan gave a legislative update and also discussed other items of interest.

Jenny Nixon updated the board on summer 4-H activities. Nixon is working on getting more educators in the northern panhandle.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the Sioux County Employee Handbook provided by Zelle HR. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Meetings with employees will be held to go over the new handbook.

An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on Cottonwood Road submitted by Fox Ranch, LLC, Emery Fox was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on S-4 Road submitted by Tony Hill was reviewed. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.



An application for permission to occupy county road/right-of-way on Vogl Loop submitted by Mobius Communications Fox was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the application. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps and Eric McCoy met with the board on current road projects. Phipps informed the board that Eric McCoy has passed his Road Superintendent License test. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to permit Phipps to advertise for one additional position for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A chip/seal project on Monroe Canyon Road was discussed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to go ahead with the chip/seal project. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet July 3, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 3, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 51,232.56; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 125.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,646.40/employee share, 1,803.55; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Laura Button supplies, 20.32; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,444.88; Centurylink, internet, 476.57/phone, 235.93; Comfort Inn, room, 389.85; Connecting Point, copier, 76.67; Crawford Clipper, publications, 268.82; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 163.64; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 300.00; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 159.00/reimbursements, 3,213.10; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.16; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 603.91; gWorks, GIS yearly fee, 210.00; Herren's, supplies, 44.26; Holiday Inn, Kearney, rooms, 639.80; Steve Johnson, mileage, 65.50; Lacy Klein, mileage/meals, 143.74; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 316.54; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 75.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,322.52; Monument Inn & Suites, room, 315.00; NACO, registrations, 275.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,333.92; NEA, electricity, 713.30; Print Express, supplies, 414.28; Quadient Finance, USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing, postage meter, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 26.07; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 302.02; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,808.51/employee share social security, 2,808.51/county share medicare 656.84/employee share medicare, 656.84/ withholding, 2,665.83; Sioux County Court, court costs, 51.50; Sioux County Historical Society, museum grant, 2,000.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.35/certified copy, 12.50; Staples, supplies 430.07; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 170,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 8,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL- Extension, fuel, 113.58; Village of Harrison, utilities, 381.75; Windbreak Cable, fiber, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 742.12.

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

Creek Tire, supplies, 109.00; KD Contractors, gravel, 28,797.60; Lotton's, repairs, 17.50; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 76.99; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 427.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 998.58; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,624.70; NEA, electricity, 41.25; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 249.29; James Phipps, room, 294.00; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 831.37; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 4,601.68; Ron's S & T, gravel hauling, 21,212.20; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,140.33 /employee share social security, 2,140.33/county share medicare, 500.57/employee share medicare, 500.57/withholding, 1,910.59; Skeeter's Napa, supplies, 151.20; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 183.47; V & T Trucking, hauling, 23,091.80; Village of Harrison, utilities, 103.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 81.35, WPCI, screening, 136.00; Wilburn's Transmissions, repair, 2,189.27.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,966.54; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 132.74/employee share retirement, 88.49, Bluffs Facility Solutions, supplies, 79.95; Books-A-Million, books, 463.48; Centurylink, phone/internet, 86.31; Crawford Clipper, publications, 45.00; Herren's, supplies, 11.28; Kent Adhesive Products, supplies, 188.43; Mid America Books, books, 137.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 83.29; NEA, electricity, 90.32; Quill Corporation, supplies, 99.99; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 136.84; Security First Bank, county share social security, 117.19/employee share social security 117.19/county share medicare, 27.41/employee share medicare 27.41/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 79.50, Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

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

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

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

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,047.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 340.74/employee share retirement, 227.16; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 83.42; Heritage Seed, chemical, 274.20; Herren's, supplies, 196.99; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 245.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NAISMA, subscription, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 89.11; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 79.99; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 111.35; Security First Bank, county share social security, 185.49/employee share social security, 185.49/county share medicare, 43.38/employee share medicare, 43.38/ withholding, 175.00.

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

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update on spraying.

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

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

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

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

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

the Department of Revenue requesting a current listing of lodging permit holders. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

July 27, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on July 27, 2023 at 10:00 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 was recited.

J.W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer.

A budget workshop was held with various elected and appointed officials.

The Right of way application submitted by Lumen was reviewed, with the item being tabled.

Upon a motion made by Hal Downer, seconded by J. W. Geiser, the meeting adjourned from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a lunch recess.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

/s/Hal Downer  
Vice Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the July 3 and 27, 2023 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk



SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

August 18, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on August 18, 2023 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 Downer seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

J. W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer.

A budget workshop was held.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to set the budget hearing date for September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the courthouse window project. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

/s/Josh Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

September 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room September 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the August 1 and 18, 2023 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 55,707.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,174.33/employee share, 2,160.27; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Brandt Court Reporting Services, services, 371.00; Laura Button, mileage, 6.55; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,554.88; Crawford Clipper, publications, 283.08; Centurylink, phone, 235.97; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court-appointed attorney, 3,267.84; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 89.04; Fire & Ice Mechanical, building repair, 893.70; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 358.53; AT & T Mobility, phones, 185.08; Herren's, supplies, 6,276.84; Lacy Klein, mileage, supplies, 139.09; L-Tron Corporation, supplies, 407.00; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, 233.06; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,378.44; NACO, conference registration, 300.00; NE Assn of County Clerks, workshop registration, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,540.50; NEA, electricity, 477.22; NSA/POAN Law Enforcement, conference, 390.00; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 176.54; Region I Behavioral Health Authority, 2023-2024 services, 6,452.00; Region I office of Human Development, services, 1,642.50; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 1,684.30; Santander Bank, sheriff vehicle payment, 8,393.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 3,189.45/employee share social security, 3,189.45/county share medicare 745.92/employee share medicare 745.92/ withholding, 3,132.82; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 21.34; lab cost, 33.75; Staples, supplies 203.78; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building, 82,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 9,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 85,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 133.47; UNL- Extension, fuel, 148.20; Village of Harrison, utilities, 501.75; Zelle Human Resource Solutions, HR, 4,187.33; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 494.53.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,189.29; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,649.00/employee share retirement, 1,765.98; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33;



Centurylink, internet, 84.64; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,730.92; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 152.04; Groskopf Manufacturing, parts, 7,463.52; Herren's, repairs, 169.52; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 160.60; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 3,638.88; Lotton's, repairs, 1,001.00; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 69.99; Morrill Supply, supplies, 181.74; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,035.90; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 5,278.78; NEA, electricity, 82.45; Panhandle Coop System, repair, 465.16; James Phipps, supplies, fuel, registration 343.19; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 2,409.44; Powerplan, repairs, 230.94; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 9,984.62; Sandhills State Bank, blade payment, 65,946.83; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,273.05 /employee share social security, 2,273.05/county share medicare, 531.60/employee share medicare, 531.60/withholding, 2,144.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 281.39; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 772.77; Village of Harrison, utilities, 109.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 79.62, Wild Bros, hauling, 2,830.25; Rodney Craig Zwetzig, DOT physical reimbursement, 100.00.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,628.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 109.92/employee share retirement, 73.28, Books-A-Million, books, 231.95; Centurylink, phone/internet, 83.24; Herren's, supplies, 41.66; Mid America Books, books, 22.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 75.81; NEA, electricity, 94.82; Caleb Nunn, repairs, 240.00; Sarah Sanderson, reimbursement, 75.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 100.97/employee share social security 100.97/county share medicare, 23.61/employee share medicare 23.61/withholding, 100.00; VFW Hall, program, 75.00; Village of Harrison, water, 99.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 119.90.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 12,645.17; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 69,813.75.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,353.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 361.39/employee share retirement, 240.93; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 84.65; Heritage Seed, chemical, 936.00; Herren's, supplies, 63.43; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 1,763.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NAISMA, conference, 75.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 98.52; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 117.90; Security First Bank, county share social security, 299.39/employee share social security, 299.39/county share medicare, 70.02/employee share medicare, 70.02/ withholding, 273.86;

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Inventories for the various county offices were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the inventories as presented. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers submitted his fee report to the board. The sheriff's department is working on distress warrants and DUI patrolling.

Jack Arterburn, Northern Panhandle Beef Systems Educator updated the board on a grazing school he co-lead in June. Arterburn also advised the board on a cheatgrass management tour and a Stocker/Yearling tour at four Skavdahl tour stops held this summer. A calving workshop will be held in January in Hemingford.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2023-3, 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. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's office.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. Sugar Factory Road repairs were discussed. Phipps attended a transportation summit in Kearney last week. Phipps is looking for someone to paint lines on Monroe Canyon Road. Discussion was held on two blades with mechanical issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet October 2, 2023.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

September 11, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a public budget and tax request hearing at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on September 11, 2023, 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser 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.

A "Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary" and "Notice of Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request" for the 2023-2024 Sioux County Budget was printed in the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun on September 6, 2023.

Melissa Mracek and Kathy Griesse were present to ask about the extension office budget. The hearing was closed and the board convened into regular session at 9:20

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 11th day of September, 2023.

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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Sioux County for said fiscal year.

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

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 made by Hal Downer to approve the 2023-2024 budget, seconded by J. W. Geiser. On roll call vote: Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was also made by J.W. Geiser, seconded by Hal Downer, 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.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2023-4, a resolution stating the Property Tax Request for the 2023-2024 Sioux County Budget be set at \$1,522,319.18, resulting in a proposed tax rate of .219076. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is available to the public at the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the purchase of a service truck for the road department. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Micah Neill, Zelle Human Resource Solutions advised the board of revisions on vacation time in the handbook. Neill also discussed some options for employee trainings that Zelle offers.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 2, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 2, 2023 at 12:50 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the September 1 and 11, 2023 meetings. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,130.33; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,641.27/employee share retirement, 1,760.82; Big Iron Auctions, service truck, 17,025.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 82.72; Crowne Plaza, room, 170.10; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,979.10; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 1,166.70; Frank Parts, parts, 106.09; Groskopf Manufacturing, parts, 649.00; Herren's, repairs, 83.02; Lotton's, repairs, 464.05; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 31.39; Morrill Supply, supplies, 31.05; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 398.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,030.24; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 21,331.83; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 1,920.98; NEA, electricity, 81.27; James Phipps, postage, 22.98; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 262.70; Powerplan, repairs, 7,085.32; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,522.38; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,269.40 /employee share social security, 2,269.40/county share medicare, 530.75/employee share medicare, 530.75/withholding, 2,125.51; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 219.56; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repair, 758.43; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 626.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 111.15; Village of Morrill, electricity, 95.21.

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

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

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

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

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,237.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 353.56/employee share retirement, 235.71; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 82.73; Crawford Clipper, ad, 187.50; Heritage Seed, chemical, 2,364.40; Herren's, supplies, 48.93; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 927.75; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 94.95; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 94.32; Security First Bank, county share social security, 292.20/employee share social security, 292.20/county share medicare, 68.34/employee share medicare, 68.34/ withholding, 261.59;

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

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

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

Nick Sanderson updated the board on spraying being done currently.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/Hal Downer  
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk





Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 1, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

The Board approved the following claims: GENERAL FUND: PAYROLL, 48,638.76; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,952.80/employee share, 2,047.21; Beef State Agency, bond, 286.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Laura Button, travel expense, 817.39; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,439.88; Centurylink, phone, 237.11; Crawford Clipper, publications, 429.64; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 101.30; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 249.77; J. Adam Edmund, travel expense, 741.50; Employers Mutual Casualty, life insurance, 361.00; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 3,060.99; AT & T Mobility, phones, 601.51; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 162.44; Holiday Inn – Kearney, room, 239.90; Robert Allen Jordan, travel expense, 1,398.13; Lotton's Service, fuel, 94.50; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 227.08; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, supplies, travel, supplies, 1,723.11; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; Melissa Mracek, mileage, 181.68; NACO, registration, LB644 cards, 2,027.24; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,233.71; NEA, electricity, 441.25; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 180.55; Print Express, supplies, 326.33; Quill, supplies, 481.53; Region 23 Emergency Management, FY 2024, 20,375.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 40.15; Robinson Electric, courtroom upgrade, 5,138.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,751.19/employee share social security, 2,751.19/county share medicare 643.42/employee share medicare 643.42/ withholding, 2,696.15; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/supplies, 185.45/hotel, 943.08; Smith, King & Simmons, P.C. county court expense, 75.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; ARPA FUND, reimburse additional cost, 154.21; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund, 8,467.11; ; Transfer to Library Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 30,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL-Box Butte County, fuel, 184.32; USDA-APHIS, predator control contract, 10,771.17; Village of Harrison, utilities, 409.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Zelle Human Resource Solutions, HR, 4,608.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, meals, 656.29.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,713.24; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,622.34/employee share retirement, 1,748.21; B&C Steel, supplies, 218.51; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Cody Bruegger, welding, 4,200.00; Bytes, computer, 1,704.72; Centurylink, internet, 82.48; Crawford Clipper, ad, 42.10; Dooley Oil, fuel, 1,198.19; Herren's, repairs, 336.44; Hotshot Ag Transport, transportation, 1,651.00; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 163.74; Lotton's, repairs, 17.50; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 247.40; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 39.17; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,023.84; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 1,747.23; NEA, electricity, 79.13; ODP Business Solutions, supply, 110.99; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repairs, 747.07; Powerplan, repairs, 17,978.18; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 15,364.96; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,305.54 /employee share social security, 2,305.54/county share medicare, 539.20/employee share medicare, 539.20/withholding, 2,102.67; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 815.07; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 718.28; Valley Merchantile, supplies, 118.15; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 89.62, WPCI, employee drug testing, 468.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism, 3.74.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism, 300.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,657.56; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 111.89/employee share retirement, 74.59, Books-A-Million, books, 780.72; Centurylink, phone/internet, 88.52; Herren's supplies, 4.99; Junior Library Guild, supplies, 360.00; Mid America Books, books, 137.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 76.44; NEA, electricity, 85.40; Quill, supplies, 315.37; Security First Bank, county share social security, 102.77/employee share social security 102.77/county share medicare, 24.03/employee share medicare 24.03/withholding, 100.00; T&T Craig Builders, repairs, 4,487.50; Village of Harrison, water, 93.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

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

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 22,462.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,295.43; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 289.94/employee share retirement, 193.30; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 82.49; Herren's, supplies, 250.30; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 885.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 65.97; OP Business Solutions, supplies, 110.99; Nick Sanderson, mileage/meals, 659.07; Noel Santistevan, trailer rent, 50.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 233.77/employee share social security, 233.77/county share medicare, 54.67/employee share medicare, 54.67/ withholding, 175.00.

Don Brush, County Surveyor met with the board regarding surveying corners for the wind farm project. Brush requested board guidance on how to handle payment for his services, since he is an elected official. County Attorney Edmund stated that since Brush does not receive a salary from Sioux County, he can receive payment for his work directly.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director met with the board to give an update on past and future NACO activities, and to advise the board on resources available to the county through NACO. Cannon said that Josh Skavdahl, as the representative on the National Association of County Officials is working to have Nebraska become part of the WIR – Western Interstate Region. The NACO Board has prioritized issues that will be addressed at the next legislative session, Cannon highlighted several of those issues.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the audit submitted by Contryman Associates, P.C. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. The distress warrant list has been turned over to the sheriff.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on spraying being done currently.

Sheriff McCumbers gave an update of recent activities.

Ashley Ahrens updated the board on upcoming extension office programs.

Spike Jordan reported on VSO activities. Jordan has received a security clearance to look up veterans records, making him able to find things that might have been overlooked by the VA. Upcoming legislation was presented. Jon Cannon noted that Spike did a very good job of presenting at the NACO legislative conference.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP, Austin Paxson and Eric Wood from NextEra Energy Resources, LLC discussed the wind energy project. The original project was 300 megawatts, with 100 megawatts contracted so far. They will begin the permitting process for the first 100 megawatt project, consisting of 35 to 40 towers. NextEra is working with landowners, locating where the sites will be.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. The paint stripers are currently striping Monroe Canyon Road.

Caitlin Schaefer submitted an application for permission to bury a water pipeline in the Hat Creek Road right-of-way. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the request and authorize Chairman Skavdahl to sign the application. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A request from Sheila DeVries to install a sign in the county right of way was reviewed. More information will be requested.

Discussion was held on closing a portion of Indian Creek Road. A resolution will be presented at the December county board meeting.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign Resolution 2023-4, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Kerri Rempp, Director of Discover Northwest Nebraska met with the board to request approval of the Sioux County Travel Board bylaws. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the bylaws. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also questioned how the budget was approved.

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

/s/Josh Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 1, 2023

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 1, 2023 at 9:10 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser, Hal Downer and Josh Skavdahl. Also present was County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman. The pledge of allegiance was recited. J.W. Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting. On roll call vote Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The board met with elected and appointed officials.

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

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

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

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

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

ARPA FUND: Courthouse Building Fund, interest, 154.21.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 83.37; Lincoln Mariott, Cornhusker, room, 297.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Herren's, supplies, 170.46; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 360.70; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Assn, dues, 210.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 57.74; Panhandle Weed Control Assn, dues, 50.00; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 91.70; Security First Bank, county share social security, 184.32/employee share social security, 184.32/county share medicare, 43.11/employee share medicare, 43.11/ withholding, 175.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. Phipps discussed the replacement of equipment. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to surplus G2 and one pickup. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet January 2, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl  
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman  
Sioux County Clerk