

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

January 2, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room January 2, 2024 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the minutes of the December 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, 48,641.44; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 254.74; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 157.40; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 4,948.48/employee share, 2,044.11; AT&T, phone system, 99.02; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,458.88; Centurylink, phone, 314.42; Connecting Point, copier expense, 609.97; Crawford Clipper, publications, 321.48; Crowne Plaza, room, 269.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 310.45; Fairfield Inn & Suites, rooms, 1,319.45; Fire & Ice Mechanical, heater repairs, 1,542.29; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements, 897.37; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.60; J.W. Geiser, mileage, registrations, 200.76; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 16.57; Lacy Klein, mileage, 465.73; Lotton's Service, fuel, 50.00; Centurylink, phone, 237.11; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 227.79; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; Melissa Mracek, fuel, 89.08; NACO, registrations, 700.00; National Association of Counties, dues, 450.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,171.96; Nebraska Total Office, supplies, 199.99; Nebraskaland Tire, tires-sheriff, 2,019.48; NEA, electricity, 1,435.93; Quadient Finance, USA, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing, postage machine rent, 840.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 619.94; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 733.37; Scottsbluff Co. Detention Center, housing, 2,520.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,752.12/employee share social security, 2,752.12/county share medicare 643.66/employee share medicare 643.66/ withholding, 2,571.73; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/listing, 1.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 30,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.50; Ward Laboratories, extension cost, 9.40; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 586.23/meals, 20.95/ supplies, 40.85.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 41,560.09; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 831.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 185.52; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,674.03/employee share retirement, 1,782.67; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Cody

Bruegger, welding, 525.00; Bytes, set-up fee, 350.00; Centurylink, internet, 86.62; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 145.80; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,723.53; Fairfield Inn, rooms, 719.70; Floyd's Truck, repairs, 939.04; Frank Parts, parts, 261.91; Herren's, repairs, 165.91; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 3,776.58; Kaufman Glass, repair, 380.00; Lotton's, repairs, 320.73; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 83.49; Morrill Supply, supplies, 62.73; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 892.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 998.26; NE Dept of Transportation, supplies, 576.90; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 1,324.38; NEA, electricity, 116.17; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 98.17; Panhandle Coop System, repairs, 1,736.28; James Phipps, fuel, 69.92; Quill, supplies, 70.97; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 11,463.39; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,297.02 /employee share social security, 2,297.02/county share medicare, 537.21/employee share medicare, 537.21/withholding, 2,024.96; Sioux County Treasurer, titles, 34.00; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 154.32; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 753.53; Village of Harrison, utilities, 106.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 106.95, Watson Mfg., Inc., repairs, 80.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,686.64; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 113.85/employee share retirement, 75.90; Books-A-Million, books, 808.51; Centurylink, phone, 19.78; Collaborative Summer Library Program, program, 446.73; Herren's, supplies, 18.99; Junior Library Guild, books, 190.00; Mid America Books, books, 283.40; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 75.75; NEA, electricity, 210.55; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 360.30; Security First Bank, county share social security, 104.57/employee share social security 104.57/county share medicare, 26.46/employee share medicare 24.46/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,497.93; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 30.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 236.11/employee share retirement, 157.41; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 86.62; Herren's, supplies, 15.28; Lotton's Service & Repair, fuel, 43.00; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 55.30; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 296.14; Security First Bank, county share social security, 184.48/employee share social security, 184.48/county share medicare, 43.14/employee share medicare, 43.14/ withholding, 175.00.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

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

Nick Sanderson, weed superintendent submitted his control plan. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept the plan. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Sanderson advised the board that a private applicator training would be held on January 14 at the fire hall.

Melissa Mracek updated the board on recent extension activities. Ashley Ahrens is on maternity leave through March. Shooting sports is up and running with an increased enrollment. Ag safety day for kids was held.

LeAnne Skavdahl gave a fee summary for the sheriff's department. LeAnne will work on getting invoices to attach to a credit card bill for the sheriff.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Joshua Skavdahl as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2024. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to designate sioux.mipsweb.info as the county's official website for 2024 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 2024. 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 2024. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve NPAIT for the investment of Sioux County Funds for 2024. Upon roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Jim Phipps County Highway Superintendent for 2024. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer, the following appointments were adopted for 2024.

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 1, 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 15, 2024

President's Day – Monday, February 19, 2024

Arbor Day – Friday, April 26, 2024

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2024

Juneteenth-Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2024

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2024

Veteran’s Day – Friday, November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28, 2024

Friday following Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29, 2024

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024

New Year’s Day -Wednesday, January 1, 2025

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.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to give employees a 3% cost of living raise for 2024. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Jim Fox met with the board to inquire about the progress of getting a grant to gravel Toadstool Road. Discussion was held about NACO hiring a grant writer in the future. The discussion will continue on Toadstool Road. Fox commented that Bobby does a good job of elevating the road, but there is no more material now.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board on current road projects. Repairs have been made on the 140H blade, and another blade needs repaired. Phipps will look into possible funding to pay for the repairs. Phipps reported that the bridge inspections have been done for this year. Eric McCoy, Assistant Superintendent reported that a culvert on Liberty Oil and S-B Roads was washing out and Pathfinder Irrigation District put a plastic insert in it. The cost of the repair will be split with them. Discussion was held on a new snow plow.

Val Jansante, representative of Adrian Smith’s office updated the board on items that Congressman Smith is working on. Jansante held office hours for the public to make comment.

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 February 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

February 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room February 1, 2024 at 9:35 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 January 2, 2024 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, 50,663.25; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 182.40; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,118.23/employee share, 2,164.46; AT&T, phone system, 99.07; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Blue360 Media, LLC, manual, 93.75; Bob Ruwart Motors, decals-sheriff vehicle, 2,118.66; Bytes Computer Solutions, e-mail, IT services, 4,503.88; Centurylink, phone, 314.42; Crawford Clipper, publications, 163.56; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 128.63; Hal Downer, mileage, 759.80; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 494.72; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 168.55/reimbursements/786.99; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.60; J.W. Geiser, mileage, 457.19; Herren's, supplies, 6.53; Robert Jordan, mileage, room, 704.72; L-Tron Corporation, microphone scanner kit, 856.00; Lotton's Service, fuel, 23.50; Centurylink, phone, 237.14; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 148.19; Midwest Connect, postage, 305.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,989.75; NE Assoc. of County Assessors, dues, 75.00; NE District Court Clerks Assoc., dues, 50.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,263.75; NEA, electricity, 1,756.85; Panhandle County Assessors Association; dues, 125.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 25.78; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service, fuel, 487.36; Roanco Sprinklers, grounds, 441.90; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,875.95/employee share social security, 2,875.95/county share medicare 672.59/employee share medicare 672.59/ withholding, 2,571.73; Sioux County Court, court costs, 49.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/listing, 1.00; Smith, King & Simmons, PC, attorney fees, 195.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; TGS Manufacturing, targets, 172.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund, 150,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 139.76; UNL Extension, fuel, 100.85; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, predator control contract, 9,482.70; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 309.54.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,668.81; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,009.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 216.52; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement,

2,748.88/employee share retirement, 1,832.57; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 82.87; City of Gering Landfill, disposal, 38.70; Floyd's Truck, repairs, 491.81; Frank Parts, parts, 118.99; Herren's, repairs, 225.21; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 14.00; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 3,893.61; Lotton's, repairs, 78.20; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., supplies, 70.38; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 26.73; Morrill Supply, supplies, 109.44; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,050.11; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 133,287.93; NEA, electricity, 124.31; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 110.99; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,343.47; James Phipps, supplies, 123.38; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, tires & repairs, 17,889.27; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 3,879.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,363.85 /employee share social security, 2,363.85/county share medicare, 552.83/employee share medicare, 552.83/withholding, 2,154.92; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 587.50; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 688.91; Village of Harrison, utilities, 110.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 146.23, WPCI, drug testing, 68.00.

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Crawford Clipper, ads, 19.92; Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 282.86; Western NE Tourism Coalition, dues, 125.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 189.64.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,677.76; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 113.25/employee share retirement, 75.50; Books-A-Million, books, 516.21; Centurylink, phone, 71.91; Herren's, supplies, 20.07; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 75.56; NEA, electricity, 262.48; Roanco Sprinklers, maintenance, 150.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 104.02/employee share social security 104.02/county share medicare, 24.33/employee share medicare 24.33/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 35.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 86.88; Herren's, supplies, 18.99; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.37; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 63.16; Security First Bank, county share social security, 190.67/employee share social security, 190.67/county share medicare, 44.59/employee share medicare, 44.59/ withholding, 175.00.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

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

Justin Tollman, Beef State Agency met with the board to discuss the county's insurance coverage. Some adjustments will be made prior to the renewal.

Nick Sanderson discussed purchasing ice melt for around the courthouse and library. He may use the ATV to spray the sidewalks, etc. Replacement of windows in the weed shop was discussed. Sanderson asked

to hire Mike Sanderson to help him clean out the weed shop. The request was tabled and will be discussed with Jim Phipps.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Matt Silverman, Business Development Executive with Vistabeam gave an update on a grant that they have applied for. Silverman asked for a letter of support from the county. County Attorney Edmund will review the request.

Melissa Mracek updated the board on recent extension activities. The Annual Report of Sioux County Extension was submitted to the board. Mracek asked if the salary portion of the extension budget can go over, as long as the bottom line does not. The University is not doing cost shares for interns this summer. The board will discuss and get back to Melissa.

Jim Fox met with the board regarding Toadstool Road. Fox has visited with Tim Buskirk, and is still working on a railroad contact person.

An agreement with Region 23 for updates to the current Region 23 Multi-jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 11:30 to hear public comment on closure of a portion of Indian Creek Road. Those in attendance at the hearing were Tim Buskirk, Brad Thomsen, Kaylee Barner and Andy and Holly Federle. Road Superintendent Phipps provided a report to the board, with his recommendation to close the portion of the road indicated. Tim Buskirk, Forst Service District Ranger stated that he is against the closure due to the public utilizing the national grasslands. Recreators and tourists will be disappointed with it being closed. Brad Thomsen is in favor of the closure, stating that it has become a nuisance with the public use of the road. Thomsen said little cars are part of issue, and added that vehicles go off the road onto private land. Hunters have cut private fences to get back to the road. There is a safety issue, as tempers are heated, and the hunters are armed. Holly Federle stated that one problem and safety concern is bicyclists that use the road in the summer. County Attorney Edmund said that hunting is an issue from the county attorney's office standpoint. The public hearing was closed at 11:48, and the board reconvened into regular session.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps discussed a lease/purchase agreement with DA Davidson to finance repairs on road equipment. The interest rate is 4.6% with an option to prepay with no penalty. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agreement. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to send a letter terminating the contract with Zelle HR Solutions. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:05.

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 March 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

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March 1, 2024

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,398.34; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,009.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,730.62/employee share retirement, 1,820.40; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 84.60; Contractor Services, pavement markings, 12,000.00; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 92.00; Pepper Dodge, reimbursement, 29.98; Dooley Oil, fuel, 4,054.35; Floyd's Truck, repairs,

184.53; Herren's, repairs, 194.35; Lotton's, fuel, repairs, 1,189.45; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; Manley Welding, repairs, 1,471.83; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 41.94; Morrill Supply, supplies, 71.61; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher maintenance, 860.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,041.78; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 9,144.24; NEA, electricity, 155.89; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 3,136.63; James Phipps, supplies, 61.02; Powerplan, repairs, 4,274.37; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,301.24; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,348.02 /employee share social security, 2,348.02/county share medicare, 549.14/employee share medicare, 549.14/withholding, 2,138.67; Sioux County Clerk, plat map, 26.75; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 369.21; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; Gary Thayer, hitch, 1,800.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 750.51; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 134.90, WPCI, drug testing, 68.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,760.15; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 118.81/employee share retirement, 79.21; Books-A-Million, books, 425.58; Centurylink, phone, 11.54; Crawford Clipper, ads, 8.84; Herren's, supplies, 13.98; Mid America Books, books, 335.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.34; NEA, electricity, 344.06; NT & T phone, 119.67; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, postage, 139.96; Security First Bank, county share social security, 109.13/employee share social security 109.13/county share medicare, 25.52/employee share medicare 25.52/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 84.61; Herren's, supplies, 180.37; Jirdon, de-icer, 437.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Assoc., training, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.45; Nick Sanderson, mileage, supplies, 216.79; Security First Bank, county share social security, 190.83/employee share social security, 190.83/county share medicare, 44.63/employee share medicare, 44.63/ withholding, 175.00.

David Levy, Baird Holm, LLP, Austin Paxson and Frank Sedum from NextEra Energy Resources, LLC discussed the wind energy project. The application for Conditional Use Permit has been filed on the project. A public hearing will be held on March 27 with the planning commission and one on April 1 with the county board.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. The tax sale is Monday, March 4.

Nick Sanderson discussed forest service grants available. Discussion was held on broken windows at the weed shop.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Melissa Mracek updated the board on recent extension activities. They are working with the fair board to make updates on the poultry barn at the fairgrounds. Pesticide training is coming up In March.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps requested vacation roll over for Bill Mack and Lyle Claussen. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the requests. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Gieser to give Phipps administrative authority to approve future vacation roll-overs. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus the 1999 CAT backhoe. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-3 Vacating a portion of Indian Creek Road. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Phipps will advertise for a contractor to clean autogates.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the final draft of the Employee Handbook. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for a lunch recess at 12:00.

A public hearing was held at 1:15 for the purpose of reviewing the One and Six Year Road Plan. No one from the public attended the hearing. Road Superintendent Phipps, and Eric McCoy 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 Downer, seconded by Geiser 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 1:45 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet April 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

March 14, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on March 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman, County Attorney, Adam Edmund and Road Superintendent Jim Phipps were 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.

Hal Downer opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve right-of-way occupation permits for Lumen. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Jim Phipps to the Sioux County Zoning Board to fill an open seat. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit filed by Sioux County Wind Farm, LLC. Nancy Kile and John Midkiff, Niobrara County Commissioner were in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

April 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room April 1, 2024 at 10:00 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 March 1 and 14, 2024 meetings. 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, 50,811.22; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,124.83/employee share, 2,170.55; AT&T, phone system, 99.07; Beef State Agency, insurance, 45,869.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, IT services, 4,568.88 Centurylink, phone, 321.43; Connecting Point, copy machine repair, 115.34; Crawford Clipper, publications, 670.31; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, court costs, 300.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 351.77; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 328.55/reimbursements/2,423.36; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.68; JW Geier, mileage, 166.16; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 106.51; Lacy Klein, Mileage, supplies, 369.32; Centrylink, extension phone, 253.90; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; Marshall & Swift, handbook, 389.95; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, mileage, 130.45; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; Melissa Mracek, reimbursement, 136.29; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,249.00; NEA, electricity, 1,539.39; Panhandle County Clerk's Association; dues, 25.00; Quadient Leasing postage meter, 840.00; Quill, supplies, 36.97; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 769.80; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 3,500.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,885.87/employee share social security, 2,885.87/county share medicare 674.93/employee share medicare 674.93/ withholding, 2,685.37; 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, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 63.13; UNL Extension, reimbursement, 34.35; Village of Harrison, utilities, 371.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 163.15; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 370.51.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,541.53; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 1,009.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 201.02; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,740.28/employee share retirement, 1,826.84; B&C Steel, supplies, 53.62; Bauerkempers, Inc. supplies, 92.00; Beef State Agency, insurance, 66,913.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,429.33; Centurylink, internet, 84.50; Contractor's Materials, supplies, 107.00; Crawford Clipper, ad, 26.74; Dooley

Oil, fuel, 563.37; Frank Parts, parts, 63.92; Herren's, repairs, 78.43; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 46.48; Morrill Supply, supplies, 7.85; Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 439.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher maintenance, 231.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,045.74; NE Dept. of Transportation, supplies, 92.93; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,697.28; NEA, electricity, 95.94; Northern Truck Equipment supplies, 317.94; Panhandle Coop System, fuel, 1,499.15; James Phipps, supplies, 243.84; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 789.86; Powerplan, repairs, 1,141.96; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 10,286.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,356.90 /employee share social security, 2,356.90/county share medicare, 551.21/employee share medicare, 551.21/withholding, 2,139.79; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 368.05; TDS Environmental Services, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 555.47; Village of Harrison, utilities, 108.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 103.32.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,782.62; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.33/employee share retirement, 80.22; Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,898.00; Books-A-Million, books, 295.74; Herren's, supplies, 53.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.82; NEA, electricity, 247.81; NT & T phone, 71.29; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, postage, supplies, 249.81; Security First Bank, county share social security, 110.52/employee share social security 110.52/county share medicare, 25.85/employee share medicare 25.85/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 61.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,704.37; AgSpray Equipment, supplies, 225.82; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 250.04/employee share retirement, 166.70; Beef State Agency, insurance, 5,553.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 84.50; Herren's, supplies, 122.66; Loton's Service, fuel, 45.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.45; Quill, supplies, 158.74; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 469.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 197.12/employee share social security, 197.12/county share medicare, 46.10/employee share medicare, 46.10/ withholding, 175.00; Sioux County Clerk, plat maps, 53.50.

Kerri Rempp, Director of Discover Northwest Nebraska Travel Board asked the board to approve the appointment of Susan Williamson to the travel board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the appointment of Susan Williamson to the travel board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also provided an update on recent income and an accounting of revenues for the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Grant Fund. Rempp requested a change in how budgeting is done for the funds. Jean Norman also advised the board that funding doesn't always line up with the fiscal year, and asked that funding be changed for the two funds.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Zimmerman also provided the board with ag land values for 2024.

Lacy Klein, County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein reported on the recent tax sale.

Nick Sanderson discussed a bid he received from Castro Roofing for work needing done at the weed shop. Sanderson also advised the board about a possible grant for aerial spraying on forest service land.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. A contract with the USDA was discussed, further discussion and approval will be added to the May meeting agenda.

Allen Jodan updated the board on recent legislation.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps would like to advertise for gravel crushing bids at four locations. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for bids. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Phipps would like to chip seal 2 ½ miles on Monroe Canyon Road that was torn up last year, adding it to the Morrill Road chip seal project. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to move forward, depending on bids received on Morrill Road chipseal project. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Phipps advised the board that Lyle Claussen was recognized for 20 years of service to the county. Dave Saults was recognized for 10 years of service to the county. Linda Stangle thanked Phipps for the work done on Watson Road. Some discussion was held on the wind farm project.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet May 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

May 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room May 1, 2024 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. JW Giser 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 1, 2024 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, 51,101.68; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,177.45/employee share, 2,207.96; AT&T, phone system, 98.41; Beef State Agency, insurance, 6,454.94; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 17,358.37; Bytes Computer Solutions, IT services, 4,568.88 Centurylink, phone, 322.80; Clerks of the District Court Association, workshop, 75.00; Connecting Point, copy machine repair, 463.40; Crawford Clipper, publications, 288.74; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 134.00; Election Systems and Software, election materials, 4,887.35; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, 328.55/reimbursements/8,913.22; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.68; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies, 195.00; gWorks, GIS contract, 10,839.00; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 106.51; David Howell, mileage, 134.00; Lacy Klein, Mileage, 112.56; Centrylink, extension phone, 253.68; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 134.58; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,963.90; NACO, workshop, 125.00; NE Association of County Treasurers, workshop, 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,265.20; NEA, electricity, 1,456.74; Panhandle District County Officials, dues, 350.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 534.85; Quill Corporation, supplies, 225.45; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 604.31; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 3,100.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,903.88/employee share social security, 2,903.88/county share medicare 679.15/employee share medicare 679.15/ withholding, 2,721.19; Sioux County Court, court costs, 84.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/subscription, 22.39/ filing fee, 87.00; Stanard Appraisal Service, appraise commercial and feedlots, 3,375.00 Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 6,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 29.30; UNL Extension, reimbursement, 622.77; USDA, APHIS, predator control, 8,450.58; Village of Harrison, utilities, 376.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 219.54; Zelle Human Resource Solutions, contract, in full, 10,580.65; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 176.88.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,684.81; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,751.30/employee share retirement, 1,834.18; B&C Steel, supplies, 989.71; Beef State Agency, insurance, 5,389.42; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 15,969.82; Centurylink, internet, 83.28; Dooley Oil, fuel, 5,799.31; Fairfield Inn & Suites, room, 279.90; Floyd's Truck Center, supplies, 102.27; Frank Parts, parts, 62.99; Herren's, repairs, 7,244.22; Holiday Inn, room, 134.95; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 1,475.86; Lotton's, repairs, 553.45; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Eric McCoy, reimbursement, 1,016.26; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 3.98; Morrill Supply, supplies, 188.81; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,079.22; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 7,286.54; NEA, electricity, 111.79; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repair, 396.60; James Phipps, supplies/room/fuel, mileage, 688.55; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 4,800.00; Powerplan, repairs, 80.86; Bobby Reece, reimburse physical, 100.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 6,255.11; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,398.34 /employee share social security, 2,398.34/county share medicare, 560.91/employee share medicare, 560.91/withholding, 2,224.33; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 412.56; U-Save Mart, fuel, 766.82; Village of Harrison, utilities, 113.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 102.76.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, recording book, 322.18; MIPS, data processing, 414.54.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,887.48; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 127.40/employee share retirement, 84.94; Books-A-Million, books, 198.36; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.16; Herren's, supplies, 14.99; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 80.09; NEA, electricity, 215.05; NT & T phone, 71.13; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 120.38; Security First Bank, county share social security, 117.02/employee share social security 117.02/county share medicare, 27.37/employee share medicare 27.37/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 66.25.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Beef State Agency, insurance, 582.64; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 83.29; Herren's, supplies, 34.37; Holiday Inn, room, 269.90; Lotton's Service, fuel, 31.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 58.45; Nick Sanderson, meals, 90.45; Security First Bank, county share social security, 190.83/employee share social security, 190.83/county share medicare, 44.63/employee share medicare, 44.63/ withholding, 175.00; Westco, supplies, 632.25.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. The board reviewed a quote from Beef State Agency, LLC regarding a deductible buy-down for wind/hail coverage on the courthouse. It was decided not to change the deductible.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to proclaim the month of May, 2024 as Mental Health Month. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. The proclamation can be viewed in the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to ratify the signing of a disaster declaration with Region 23 Emergency Management Area due to the April 6, 2024 snowstorm. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Allen Jordan, VSO updated the board on veterans issues he is working on.

Nick Sanderson updated the board about a possible grant for aerial spraying on forest service land. The Weed Department is starting to spray right of ways.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. A contract with the USDA was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the contract. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. A contract agreement for mutual assistance investigation sharing on Highway 20 was reviewed.

Ashley Ahrens updated the board on Sioux County 4-H summer programs.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel with NACO updated the board on the changes to the open meetings law. County Attorney Skavdahl advised the board to add a public comment section to the board meeting agendas. Menzel stated that NACO is pleased to be able to serve the 93 counties. Summer workshop dates were discussed. The new NACO building in Ogallala is progressing nicely. Legislation was discussed. NACO fought back on getting rid of inheritance tax, as counties will need replacement for those revenues. Further studies will be done throughout the summer on replacement revenues.

A public hearing was opened at 11:00 to hear public comment on a budget amendment. No one from the public was in attendance for comment. The board reconvened into regular session at 11:02. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-4 to transfer funds from the ARPA Fund and General Fund to the Courthouse Improvement Fund. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps has advertised for an employee. Work is being done on Henderson Road. Gravel crushing was discussed.

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

A public hearing was opened at 1:15 to hear public comment regarding an application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Sioux County Wind Farm, LLC to construct a 300 megawatt utility-scale wind energy conversion system in eastern unincorporated Sioux County. Austin Paxson, Project Manager for NextEra Energy presented information about the project. David Levy, Baird Holm LLP explained the nameplate capacity tax and revenues the project will provide to the county and all other taxing entities, with a significant and long-term infusion of tax. Road use and decommissioning plans are included in the conditional use permit application. Roads will be put back to as good or better than when they found them. The industry is starting to see that some parts are reusable when decommissioning. Bonding was discussed. Levy stated that NextEra Energy is a Fortune 500 company, so they're not going away.

Public comments were heard. Questions and comments included depreciation of the equipment, bonding procedures and road damages.

Karen Huntrods submitted an exhibit to the board concerning issues with the wind project causing children to be born with autism, neurological affects to adults and children, aborting of fetuses and stillborn babies, infertility and deformities in domestic animals, as well as a decline in the population of birds.

Jessica Turbiville read and submitted to the board a letter written by her daughter who just graduated from high school in opposition of the project.

Judy Broeder questioned NextEra ownership, saying that China is in on the company and she doesn't want China in her backyard. Broeder provided the board with an exhibit regarding ownership of Nextera Energy Inc. asking what else are you lying about. Levy explained that it is a publicly traded company, so they have no control who owns it. Broeder also submitted an exhibit on turbine failures, bird killing, and tax credits.

Much discussion was held on the project destroying eagle and other bird habitat.

Jill Kotwasinski, Environmental Specialist discussed the eagle survey. Game and Parks is required to be involved in the study. Orion met with game and parks to discuss species, outlining issues in the report. US Fish and Wildlife is also consulted as they have wind and energy guideline requirements as well. A study of migratory patterns of birds is performed. A post-construction survey is done as well. The data is not finished yet. It can take two years to do a survey, and multiple years of data is gathered. Levy added that Orion did a survey, now NextEra is doing their own survey.

The question was asked regarding future purchase of the project from NextEra. Levy responded that a new company would have to operate with the same conditions as have been permitted. The conditions run with the land.

Two patrons who have negotiated contracts with NextEra spoke in favor of the project, citing the tax benefit to the county and providing a second source of income to them personally. One asked people to do their own research, their concern is real, but be careful what you believe.

The issue of lower property values was questioned. Gene Broeder submitted an exhibit regarding negative impact to property values. Levy said a study was done by Wichita State University in 2017 showing no statistical effect. Another study was done on Jefferson and Gage Counties when they plotted the values, trend lines were identical showing no impact from the wind farm.

Some in attendance called for a moratorium on wind farms at this time, that more research needs to be done.

Bryan Palm presented the board with an exhibit consisting of 5 points regarding decommissioning, fire protection, county roads, law enforcement and environmental concerns.

Lori Gray presented an exhibit including minutes of the Greeley County Commissioner's Meeting dated August, 2023, whereby conditions were attached to the approval of a conditional use permit for Nextera Energy Resources. Gray asked that the Sioux County Commissioners look at this example as a fact in finding for the points of concern presented today. Gray requested that all conditions outlined be completed and approved by the the commissioners, by Nextera or any wind energy applicant, prior to commencement of construction.

Kaisha Huston submitted an exhibit regarding setbacks in other Nebraska counties. Levy responded that Sioux County has different setbacks, and that this project adheres to the rules they have been given.

The public hearing was closed at 3:02. Chairman Skavdahl thanked everyone for coming and voicing their opinions. The board reconvened into regular session.

Motion made by Downer seconded by Skavdahl to table the board decision on the permit. On roll call vote, Skavdahl, yes; Downer, yes; Geiser, no. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet June 3, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

May 23, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman, County Attorney, Adam Edmund and Deputy County Attorney Dan Skavdahl were also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Josh Skavdahl opened the meeting in prayer.

Discussion was held on predator control issues. The current APHIS trapper has resigned. Don Freyda, retired APHIS trapper was present to discuss contracting the work out privately, possibly in conjunction with Dawes County. APHIS has had trouble filling the position with competitive wages. Richard Edwards discussed predator control in Wyoming and South Dakota and how they are funded. JW Geiser will work with someone on the Dawes County Board and discuss an interlocal agreement. Gale Henry added that he'd like to handle it at a local level, the coyotes are here now, with pups soon leaving the dens. Further discussion on the matter will be held at the June 3 regular board meeting.

David Levy, Baird Holm LLP and Austin Paxson, Project Manager for NextEra Energy met with the board to present the Application for Conditional Use Permit/Sioux County Wind Energy Project for approval. The Sioux County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the conditional use permit incorporating the findings of fact with the condition of addition of having a fire rig on site and forwarded it to the Sioux County Commissioners for approval. Mr. Levy stated that good public hearings have been held, that it is a legal process now. The courts say approval is to be based on fact, rather than on emotion. Landowners have voluntarily put their land in the project. The application meets all requirements with the conditions that the planning commission recommended. The attorney's have given their recommendations. Given legal and factual background they are asking for approval of the permit. Commissioner Downer questioned the road use, which roads will be used. Levy advised that those would be finalized during the road use agreement phase. Any improvements, the company will pay for, and the roads will be put back to their original state. Downer inquired about water use and water restrictions. Those permits will be looked into. Erin Fuller, landman for the project stated that a volunteer is willing to sell water from his own well. Construction cannot start until those things are approved. Commissioner Downer asked about bonding. Mr. Levy responded that the road use bond is paid prior to construction. Deputy County Attorney Skavdahl advised that the decommissioning bond

is 115% of the total cost of decommissioning. That bond is required in the Sioux County Zoning Regulation to be paid prior to construction as well.

Commissioner Geiser stated that the county has worked on the wind regulations for a long time, and have worked hard getting it put together.

Judy Broeder commented that it is a mistake to ok a permit without having a wildlife, environmental and soil study done. Do the taxpayers know that it is taxed as commercial property? Broeder questioned the authority of a power of attorney signing a contract for someone. Attorney Skavdahl said it depends on what the POA says. They can sign for a variety of things. Ms. Broeder asked if this CUP is specifically identified in the zoning regulations. Deputy Attorney Skavdahl replied, yes, we are zoned for wind farms.

Kaisha Huston submitted a portion of LB1317, approved by Governor Pillen on April 23, 2024. Huston also asked about the environmental studies being done. Austin Paxson replied that those studies are ongoing and will be done again. Huston asked about ranchers that are against it. 12 families have signed up, how many are against it? Have you checked, It's important to look at both sides. Commissioner Geiser stated he has asked people, and a lot are indifferent. Commissioner Skavdahl added that we can't tell people what they can or can't do with their land.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Sioux County Wind Farm, LLC. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, no; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

June 3, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room June 3, 2024 at 10:00 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. JW Geiser opened the meeting in prayer. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the May 1 and 23, 2024 meetings. 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, 50,675.35; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,068.74/employee share, 2,128.82; AT&T, phone system, 98.41; Sarah Bannan, election meals, 75.04; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 15,208.58; Bytes Computer Solutions, IT services, computer, 6,952.44 Centurylink, phone, 325.90; Connecting Point, repair, 10.00; Crawford Clipper, publications, 701.90; Crites, Shaffer Law Office, court costs, 140.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 114.10; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 4,637.86; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.52; Gall's, supplies, 123.35; Laurel Ginkens, election judge, 155.25; Dalora Sue Gullikson, canvas board, 54.63/ mileage, 77.72; Ruth Hamaker, election judge, 155.25; James Henderson, election judge, 149.50/mileage, 10.72; Herren Brothers, repairs, 45.00; Holiday inn, Kearney, rooms, 722.70; Cynthia Kaan, election judge, 155.25; Lacy Klein, Mileage, 93.80 Lotton's Service, fuel, 63.35; Centrylink, extension phone, 253.68; Lynn Peavey Company, supplies, 68.21 Madison National Life ins., insurance, 56.77; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 184.69; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,930.87; James Moore, election judge, 138.00/mileage, 68.34; Garrette Naillon, reimbursement, 37.44; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, testing, 253.51; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,247.19; Nebraskaland Tire, tires, 913.24; NEA, electricity, 1,080.06; Outlaw Printers, supplies, 708.22; Debby Petersen, election judge, 155.25; Pam Phipps, canvas board, 46.00/ mileage, 53.60; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 543.49; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,446.35; Robinson Electric, courtroom upgrade, 3,022.50; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 3,540.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,904.11/employee share social security, 2,904.11/county share medicare 679.19/employee share medicare 679.19/ withholding, 2,674.37; Sioux County Court, court costs, 49.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Daniel Skavdahl, mileage, 432.82; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/lab fee, 22.50; Star Herald, subscription, 396.99; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road and Bridge Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 127.10; Village of Harrison, utilities,

420.50; Windbreak Cable, internet, 179.12; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 101.84/election meals, 230.30.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,863.35; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,493.35/employee share retirement, 1,662.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 15,969.82; Centurylink, internet, 85.34; City of Gering Landfill, disposal, 14.00; Contractors Materials, supplies, 2,827.00; Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun, advertising, 92.20; Dooley Oil, parts, 54.92; Groskopf Mfg., supplies, 774.03; Herren's, repairs, 1,595.61; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 955.92; Lotton's, repairs, 148.05; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Hardware, supplies, 22.59; Morrill Supply, supplies, 102.60; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 998.05; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 8,120.89; NEA, electricity, 101.61; Pathfinder Irrigation, supplies, 3,672.60; James Phipps, dues, registration, 341.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 1,288.80; Powerplan, repairs, 506.15; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,038.43; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,161.41 /employee share social security, 2,161.41/county share medicare, 505.49/employee share medicare, 505.49/withholding, 2,110.50; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 288.97; TDS, garbage, 70.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 675.73; Village of Harrison, utilities, 111.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 91.58; WPCI, drug testing, 68.00; Scott Wilkins, gravel, 47,615.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: Government Forms & Supplies, recording paper, 422.80; MIPS, data processing, 414.54.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,872.50; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 126.39/employee share retirement, 84.26; Book Systems, Inc., subscription, 1,190.00; Books-A-Million, books, 669.30; Crawford Clipper, ad, 8.50; Herren's, supplies, 80.60; Mid America Books, books, 131.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.76; NEA, electricity, 154.02; NT & T phone, 71.13; Jeff Quinn, magic show, 400.00; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 255.52; Security First Bank, county share social security, 116.10/employee share social security 116.10/county share medicare, 27.15/employee share medicare 27.37/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 78.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 119.90.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,661.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 314.64/employee share retirement, 209.76; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,459.51; Centurylink, internet, 85.33; Crawford Clipper, ad, 144.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,105.85; Lotton's Service, fuel, 225.30; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 73.89; Platte River Glass, glass, 325.00; PRIDE WMA, Grant, 1,500.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 256.46/employee share social security, 256.46/county share medicare, 59.98/employee share medicare, 59.98/ withholding, 190.25.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

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

Allen Jordan, VSO updated the board on veterans issues he is working on. He has been working on getting dental benefits for veterans. The Harrison veteran's post received All-State and All-American awards. Flags will be disposed of on Flag Day.

Nick Sanderson updated the board on repairs of the weed shop. Subias Construction will do the repairs.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps submitted an agreement with Morrill County to chip seal 2.6 miles of road Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to sign the agreement. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiser reported that discussions with Dawes County are still ongoing regarding predator control.

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 July 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

July 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room July 1, 2024 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. Gregg Mooney 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 June 3, 2024 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, 49,559.84; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,042.77/employee share, 2,110.47; Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 2025 assessment, 636.00; AT&T, phone system, 98.41; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Crawford Clipper, publications, 365.33; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 394.64; CVSOAN, dues, convention, 160.00; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 593.88; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 1,413.35; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.52; Herren's, supplies, 12.99; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 71.45; Steve Johnson, mileage, 67.00; Lacy Klein, Mileage, meals, 554.38; Lotton's Service, fuel, 82.55; Centurylink, extension phone, 253.68; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 4,356.77; My Shop Angel, supplies, 453.03; NACO, dues, registration, 1,440.52; NCRAAO Conference, registration, 325.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,184.33; NEA, electricity, 831.57; Platte Valley Bank, sheriff pickup payment, 9,372.62; Pritchard & Abbott, mineral appraisal, 300.00; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing, postage meter, Quill, supplies, 25.58; Quill, supplies, 225.97; Ramada Conference Center, room, 321.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 2,790.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,774.02/employee share social security, 2,774.02/county share medicare 648.76/employee share medicare 648.76/ withholding, 2,502.07; 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, 22.39/postage, 17.46; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund, 22,750.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 15,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Tyler Technologies, VSO program, 449.00; US Treasury, fee, 54.74; Village of Harrison, utilities, 594.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 1,108.85/room, 318.32.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 38,974.72; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,500.87/employee share retirement, 1,667.23; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Donald Brush, survey, 330.00; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Contractors Materials, supplies, 729.00; Dooley Oil,

fuel, 5,344.01; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 396.65; Horse Creek Tire, supplies, 907.34; KD Contractors, gravel, 2,131.52; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 420.56; Lotton's, repairs, 298.00; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 61.85; Manley Welding, welder, 1,500.00; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 14.57; Motor Fuel Division fuel tax, 273.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 977.06; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,421.61; NEA, electricity, 81.81; James Phipps, room, fuel, supplies, 379.99; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 669.20; Powerplan, repairs, 3,381.43; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 3,568.35; Ron's S&T, gravel hauling, 3,217.81; Sandhills State Bank, grader payment, 65,946.84; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,140.82 /employee share social security, 2,140.82/county share medicare, 500.68/employee share medicare, 500.68/withholding, 2,060.84; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 561.53; Village of Harrison, utilities, 115.90; Village of Morrill, electricity, 89.34; WPCI, drug testing, 108.00.

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

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,722.70; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 116.28/employee share retirement, 77.52; Books-A-Million, books, 115.14; Herren's, supplies, 38.95; Junior Library Guild, books, 1,333.42; McCarty's Magic Carpet Cleaning, carpet cleaning, 289.00; Mid America Books, books, 453.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 79.53; NEA, electricity, 123.62; NT & T phone, 71.13; Sarah Sanderson, supplies, 122.58; Security First Bank, county share social security, 106.81/employee share social security 106.81/county share medicare, 24.98/employee share medicare 24.98/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 122.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 22,750.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,342.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 360.64/employee share retirement, 240.43; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 82.43; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 111.45; Herren's, supplies, 219.82; Lotton's Service, fuel, 888.70; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, training 150.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 92.64; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 120.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 294.47/employee share social security, 294.47/county share medicare, 68.87/employee share medicare, 67.87/ withholding, 255.34; Simplot Grower Solutions, supplies, 4,875.00.

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners offered their condolences to the Nunn family in the loss of Joe Nunn, long-time Sioux County Commissioner. Resolution of Sympathy #2024-5 was read. The resolution states:

Resolution of Sympathy

WHEREAS, Sioux County lost a valued lifetime member of the County with the passing of Joe Nunn; and,

WHEREAS, the honorable Mr. Nunn served the county for 8 years selflessly; and,

WHEREAS, the honorable Mr. Nunn was a man of high character, conviction and principles, let it be known that his contributions to county, community and family are deeply appreciated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Sioux County Board of Commissioners honor the passing of the honorable Commissioner Joe Nunn with this heartfelt resolution of sympathy for a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend.

On this 1st day of July, 2024.

May God bless and protect the United States of America and Sioux County, Nebraska.

Sioux County Board of Commissioners: Joshua T. Skavdahl, Allerton H. Downer and John W. Geiser, III.

Motion made by Dower seconded by Geiser to pass resolution #2024-5. 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 appoint Michelle Zimmerman budget making authority for the 2024-2025 budget. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to accept Michelle Zimmerman's 3-year plan of assessment. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to regretfully accept Howard Willey's resignation from the Sioux County Planning Board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Jebb Ginkens to the Sioux County Planning Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Gregg Mooney, NACO Benefits team member introduced himself to the board. Gregg will be in the new Ogallala office.

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

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Ashley Ahrends and Rob Eirich updated the board on extension office activities. Jamie Turbiville will be working in the office this summer. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to appoint Les Wright to the extension board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a Sioux County Travel Board promotion grant for the Sioux County Fair in the amount of \$990.00. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A contract with Dawes County for predator control services was reviewed.

A Second Amendment to Service Agreement between Sioux County and the Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska was reviewed. The amendment allows the agency to issue tax exempt financing for the purchase of a new baler and building for its operations. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign the agreement and pass Resolution 2024-6 approving the issuance of bonds by SWANN and ratifying and confirming all prior actions taken by the county with respect to such agency. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps updated the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the purchase of a pickup and a 4-wheeler from federal surplus. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet August 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl

Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman

Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

August 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room August 1, 2024 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 July 1 and 16, 2024 meetings. 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, 51,410.32; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,154.94/employee share, 2,193.50; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Beef State Agency, workers comp., 1,147.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Laura Button, mileage, postage, 172.33; Bytes, IT services, 9,247.76; Centurylink, phone, 646.53; Comfort Inn, room, 119.95; Connecting Point, supplies, 656.91; Crawford Clipper, publications, 408.12; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 279.90; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 168.94; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,556.17; AT & T Mobility, phones, 305.52; JW Geiser, mileage, 467.66; Lacy Klein, Mileage, meals, 93.80; Lotton's Service, fuel, 79.90; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,232.88; NEA, electricity, 489.98; Northwest Auto Body & Paint, repairs, 1,783.60; PADD, dues, 788.48; Quadient Finance, postage, 500.00; Quill, supplies, 215.98; Quill, supplies, 261.18; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 841.57; Scotts Bluff County detention Center, jail expense, 2,500.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,888.75/employee share social security, 2,888.75/county share medicare 675.59/employee share medicare 675.59/ withholding, 2,554.81; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 22.39/postage, 61.11/ testing, 300.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Courthouse Building Fund, 20,000.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 12,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; UNL Extension-Box Butte County, state car, 101.36; Village of Harrison, utilities, 559.0; Windbreak Cable internet, 123.09; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 203.01.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 39,519.75; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,491.21/employee share retirement, 1,660.79; Bauerkempers, repair, 15.30; Beef State Agency, worker's comp., 4,717.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 84.47 Crawford Clipper, ad, 62.80; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,241.47; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 237.70; Groskopf Mfg. repairs,

1,086.39; Herren's, repairs, 421.10; Lotton's, repairs, 1,424.90; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 200.85; Morrill Hardware, part, 2.37; Morrill Supply, supplies, 73.57; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 981.50; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 2,873.03; NEA, electricity, 73.99; James Phipps, fuel, supplies, 137.92; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 478.90; Powerplan, repairs, 1,630.70; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 6,678.44; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,174.61 /employee share social security, 2,174.61/county share medicare, 508.58/employee share medicare, 508.58/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 115.78; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, parts, 881.97; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 457.80; Village of Harrison, utilities, 120.25; WPCI, drug testing, 216.00.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism grant, 1,267.18; Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition, tourism, 125.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Dawes County Travel Board, tourism grant, 1,267.17.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,932.42; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 130.44/employee share retirement, 86.96; Books-A-Million, books, 420.71; Crawford Clipper, subscription, 55.00; Herren's, building repair, 3,661.00; Mid America Books, books, 131.70; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 81.06; NE Library Commission, renewal, 500.00; NEA, electricity, 81.97; NT & T phone, 71.30; Quill, supplies, 544.53; Security First Bank, county share social security, 119.81/employee share social security 119.81/county share medicare, 28.02/employee share medicare 28.02/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 112.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 119.90.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 1,484.00; Randal Weber Custom Woodworking, window project, 22,750.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,458.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 368.47/employee share retirement, 245.65; Beef State Agency, worker's comp., 510.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 84.47; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,726.00; Herren's, supplies, 82.90; Legacy Cooperative, chemical, 651.50; Lotton's Service, fuel, 1,102.48; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 96.21; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 120.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 301.66/employee share social security, 301.66/county share medicare, 70.55/employee share medicare, 70.55/ withholding, 266.42;

No one from the public was present to speak.

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 and Sioux County Fair. 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 of \$46,000.00;

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 2024-2025 of \$91,000.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$1,820.00 for a total of \$92,820.00 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2024-2025;

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 \$37,225.00 plus County Treasurer's Commission of \$744.50 for a total of \$37,969.50 for all other purposes subject to its levy for the year 2024-2025.

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.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the addition of a scanner to the surplus property list and advertise same for sale. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Jackie Delatour to the Panhandle Public Health Board. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2024-2025 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to designate CSG as the printer for Joint Public Hearing postcards. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve a Sioux County Travel Board promotion grant to the Sioux County Historical Society in the amount of \$455.95. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Kerri Rempp, Northwest Nebraska Tourism Director requested that the board request a current list of lodging tax permit holders from the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to make the request. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Rempp also asked for an increase to the Visitor Promotion Fund and the Visitor Improvement Grant Fund. The board will consider the request during budget discussions.

Allen Jordan met with the board to discuss an interlocal agreement with Dawes County for Veteran's Services. County Attorney Edmund is working on drafting an agreement. Jordan updated the board on issues he is working through.

A contract with Dawes County for predator control services was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Dawes County for predator control for one year. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2024-5, 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 updated the board on current road projects.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet September 3, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

September 3, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room September 3, 2024 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 August 1, 2024 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, 54,075.86; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,373.61/employee share, 2,340.74; Dana Anderson-Cardwell, juror mileage, 69.68; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Gena Bannan, juror mileage, 16.08; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Darrell Braddock juror mileage/fee, 128.80; Donald Brush, survey, 727.50/juror mileage, 75.04; Sandy Buckley, juror mileage, 26.80; Mickayla Burg, juror mileage, fee, 115.40; Bytes, IT services, 4,623.88; Centurylink, phone, 316.32; Melanie Chapman, juror mileage, 85.76; Kayla Christensen, juror mileage, fee, 115.40; Wanda Clynke, juror mileage, 85.76; Michael Corbin, juror mileage, 16.08; Crawford Clipper, publications, 452.88; Crowne Plaza, rooms, 599.80; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 516.00; Dawes County Extension Office, fuel, 298.98; Carole Derr, juror mileage, 95.14; Alicia Dickey, witness fees, 108.44; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 586.16; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 2,133.29; AT & T Mobility, phones, 341.34; Brenda Fulk, juror mileage, 69.68; Spencer Gillen, juror mileage, 80.40; Annette Godby, juror mileage, 92.46; Chance Gonka, juror mileage, 40.20; Garret Gray, juror mileage, 20.10; Lane Grote, juror mileage, 6.70; Herren's, supplies, 7.45; Ronald Hettinger, Jr., juror mileage, fee, 88.60; Jacqueline Hill, juror mileage, 67.00; Paul Hofmeister, witness fees, 107.10; Horse Creek Tire, repair, 81.26; Eric Kreman, juror mileage, 33.50; Jaymie Lambert, juror mileage, 18.76; Ashley Lara, juror mileage, 87.10; Chris Laucomer, juror mileage, 67.00; Albert J. Legault, juror mileage, 34.84; Kristina Lotton, juror mileage, 13.40; Lotton's Service, fuel, 153.65; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimburse supplies, 182.42; Courtney Miller, juror mileage, 87.10; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,075.70; Lori Moore, juror mileage, 93.80; Michael Morava, juror mileage, 34.84; Mandy Murphy, witness fees, 533.22; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,411.77; Nextoner, LLC, supplies, 240.30; NEA, electricity, 642.84; Henry Nipper, PHD, witness fees, 7,659.63; Calvin Niss, juror mileage, fees, 102.00; Christina Oldaker, juror mileage, 26.80; Kimberly Perkins, juror mileage, 69.68; Shane Peters, juror mileage, 25.46; Print Express, supplies, 422.40; Ashley Quick, juror mileage, 64.32; Quill, supplies, 193.00; Region 1 Office of Human Development, services, 2,190.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 1,109.78; Santander Bank, sheriff vehicle payment, 8,393.00; Kristin Schneider, juror mileage, fees, 115.40; Security First Bank, county share social security,

3054.02/employee share social security, 3,054.02/county share medicare 714.26/employee share medicare 714.26/ withholding, 2,853.48; Daniel Seier, juror mileage, 67.00; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 24.59/postage, 9.68/ testing, 113.48/ copies, 97.50; Kenneth Stangle, juror mileage, 67.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Heather Staudenmaier, juror mileage, 20.10; Kelly Strain, juror mileage, 73.70; Charles Stratton, juror mileage, 77.72; Andrea Symonds, juror mileage, 61.64; Tricia Thayer, juror mileage, 20.10; Transfer to Library Fund, 3,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 22,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 67.21; Village of Harrison, utilities, 632.35; Anne Waite, juror mileage, 60.30; Thomas Watson, juror mileage, 80.40; Penny Westover, juror mileage, 30.82; Windbreak Cable internet, 59.95; Jon Woodrum, juror mileage, 33.50; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 599.65/juror meals, 118.40/dues, 25.00.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,108.42; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,491.21/employee share retirement, 1,660.79; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Cody Bruegger, repair, 375.00; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; City of Gering Landfill; garbage, 39.99; Contractors Materials, supplies, 66.00; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 153.25; Groskopf Mfg. repairs, 175.03; Herren's, repairs, 61.49; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 17.57; Kaufman Trailers, LLC, trailer, 49,965.00; Legacy Cooperative, 159.48; Lotton's, repairs, 274.78; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 63.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 29.76; Murphy tractor & Equipment, repair, 1,750.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 987.06; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 361.56; NEA, electricity, 85.23; James Phipps, supplies, 21.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 3,387.50; Powerplan, repairs, 2,198.17; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,838.80; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,211.11 /employee share social security, 2,211.11/county share medicare, 517.11/employee share medicare, 517.11/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 236.68; TDS, garbage, 35.00; Trailer Delivery Service, delivery fee, 1,800.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 682.03; Village of Harrison, utilities, 122.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 185.94; WPCI, drug testing, 176.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 131.49.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Historical Society, tourism grant, 455.95.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,797.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.34/employee share retirement, 80.89; Books-A-Million, books, 374.85; Crawford Clipper, publication, 8.16; Herren's, supplies, 1.79; Mid America Books, books, 351.20; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 78.15; NEA, electricity, 104.99; NT & T phone, 75.50; The Penworthy Company, supplies, 201.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 111.45/employee share social security 111.45/county share medicare, 26.07/employee share medicare 26.07/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 106.25.

SIOUX COUNTY US ENTITLEMENT FUND: Transfer to General Fund, 253,000.00.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 6,776.59.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,444.37; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 367.49/employee share retirement, 245.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Capitol One Trade Credit, supplies, 179.96; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Crawford Clipper, publications, 144.00; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,187.50; Herren's, supplies, 10,786.61; Holiday Inn, Kearney, room, 269.90; Lotton's Service, fuel, 1,288.06; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 95.76; Nick Sanderson, mileage, meals, 501.89; Security First Bank, county share social security, 300.76/employee share social security, 300.76/county share medicare, 70.34/employee share medicare, 70.34/ withholding, 265.03;

No one from the public was present to speak.

Paul Strommen, Republican candidate for District 47 Legislature introduced himself. Strommen outlined his mission, and discussed issues regarding counties.

Michelle Zimmerman submitted monthly fee reports to the board.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to sign an audit engagement letter with Contryman Associates, P.C. to conduct the county audit for fiscal year end June 30, 2024. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to sign a Statement of Acceptance and Possession and Future Responsibility for future maintenance/repair/replacement/disposal outside of the technical support contract provided by the AOCP regarding new courtroom equipment. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve a contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for professional appraisal services of mineral property in Sioux County for 2025-2026. On roll call vote Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to hold the 2024-2025 Sioux County Budget Hearing on September 23, 2024 at 1:00 a.m. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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

Mary Weaver met with the board regarding prairie dogs on land that she owns at Orella. Nick Sanderson presented procedures to manage prairie dogs through the "Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act". Phone numbers for individuals who manage prairie dogs were given to Ms. Weaver.

Nick Sanderson met with the board and said that the repairs at his shop building will begin this month.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. McCumbers stated that he had submitted a claim for a new 2024 Tahoe to be paid in full. He is working on financing for the vehicle. There is no way to put off the purchase like last year. The vehicle is \$49,000 with an additional \$16,000 for upfit costs. Commissioner Skavdahl asked why employees can't transfer vehicles during shift changes, and McCumbers responded that it is inconvenient. McCumbers will work within his budget to

make the lease payment, as it can't wait till next year. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to deny the claim to Bob Ruwart Motors for a 2024 Chevy Tahoe. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Allen Jordan met with the board. Jordan has been appointed Aide-de-camp to the National Commander. The Harrison VFW post received an All-American award and will be having a celebration on September 29 at 4:00. Amy Buckley and Jordan are working on getting financing for a community center.

Gale Henry met with the board, and discussion ensued regarding predator services. Interviews have been held for the newly created position which Dawes and Sioux Counties will share within the new contract.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to ratify Commissioner Skavdahl signing a New National Opioids Settlement Agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to surplus a CAT backhoe and a Schwartz low-boy trailer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

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; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps updated the board on current road projects.

At 1:25 p.m. a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel issue was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. Roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. At 1:40 p.m. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A budget workshop was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet October 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

September 11, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse on September 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, and J.W. Geiser. 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 Skavdahl to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Skavdahl yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited, J.W. Geiser led the meeting in prayer.

Motion made by Skavdahl, seconded by Geiser to ratify the hiring of Casey Bach for predator control services, the position was created through an interlocal agreement with Dawes County. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

September 23, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a public budget and tax request hearing at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on September 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.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 Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Hal Downer led the meeting in prayer.

A "Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary" and "Notice of Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request" for the 2024-2025 Sioux County Budget was printed in the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun on September 11, 2024.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak at the public hearing. The public hearing was closed and the board reconvened into regular session at 1:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 23rd day of September, 2024.

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, 2024 to June 30, 2025, 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

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 J.W. Geiser to approve the 2024-2025 budget, seconded by Hal Downer. On roll call vote: Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2024-5, a resolution stating the Property Tax Request for the 2043-2025 Sioux County Budget be set at \$1555,333.33, resulting in a proposed tax rate of .212090. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is available to the public at the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

Resolution 2024-6 was adopted following a motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser yes. Motion carried. That resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

2024-6

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska has been listed by the Center for Immigration Studies as a "Sanctuary County" which indicates on its website that a sanctuary jurisdiction is one that has *"laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE – either by refusing to or prohibiting, agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers"*; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska, does not have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE; and

WHEREAS, it is Sioux County's policy to fully cooperate with federal authorities, including without limitation, immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), in performing those duties and responsibilities imposed upon the federal government by federal law to curb and control illegal immigration into the United States of America.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Sioux is not, nor has it ever been, a "Sanctuary County".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the County of Sioux to fully cooperate with federal authorities, including without limitation, ICE, and other law enforcement agencies in accordance with law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd day of September, 2024.

Road Superintendent Phipps and Eric McCoy discussed road matters with the board.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

October 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room October 1, 2024 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. 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 September 3, 11 and 23, 2024 meetings, with the correction of the date on the September 11 Board of Equalization minutes corrected to read September 11, rather than September 10. 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, 50,211.37; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,132.06/employee share, 2,175.18; AT&T, phone system, 101.36; Beef State Agency, bond, 382.50; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Bob Ruwart Motors, downpayment Sheriff Tahoe, 10,000.00; Bytes, IT services, 6,514.55; Centurylink, phone, 316.85; Crawford Clipper, publications, 611.90; Crites & Shaffer Law Office, district court costs, 612.50; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 11.55; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 39.95; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 913.40; AT & T Mobility, phones, 550.00; Steve Johnson, mileage, 67.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 134.00; Lotton's Service, supplies, 18.00; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.04; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,970.30; Melissa Mracek, mileage, 168.19; NACO, registrations, 430.00; Garrette Naillon, supplies, 24.21; NE Dept. of Revenue, class, 270.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,200.75; NEA, electricity, 589.84; JoElla Norman, mileage, 174.20; Quadient Finance, USA, postage, 500.00; Quadient Leasing USA, postage meter, 840.00; Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority 24-25 assessment, 5,564.00; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 685.86; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,814.41/employee share social security, 2,814.41/county share medicare 658.22/employee share medicare 658.22/ withholding, 2,522.74; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 24.64; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Transfer to Library Fund, 4,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 15,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 50,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 148.65; UNL Extension, mileage, 124.96; Village of Harrison, utilities, 603.20; Windbreak Cable internet, 163.16; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, 283.41.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 39,822.04; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,492.28/employee share retirement, 1,661.51; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Contractors Materials, supplies, 66.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 6,544.78; Floyd's

Truck Center, repairs, 208.25; Herren's, repairs, 76.98; Horse Creek Tire, repairs, 65.14; Kaufman Glass, repair, 550.00; Legacy Cooperative, supplies, 159.48; Lotton's, repairs, 1,855.15; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, inc., supplies, 18.00; Chad McCumbers, battery, 235.39; Morrill Supply, supplies, 315.84; NE Motor Fuel Division, fuel tax, 1,228.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 980.16; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 6,677.21; NEA, electricity, 80.74; James Phipps, supplies, 31.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, Inc., supplies, 2,727.23; Powerplan, repairs, 2,795.42; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,959.35; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,193.36/employee share social security, 2,193.36/county share medicare, 512.96/employee share medicare, 512.96/withholding, 2,060.84; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 358.01; SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC, repair, 271.44; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 446.75; Village of Harrison, utilities, 120.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 93.39; WPCI, drug testing, 176.00; Wyoming Bearing & Supply, supplies, 131.49.

FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM FUND: Topkote, armor coat, 87,106.52

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 495.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND: Sioux County Rodeo Board, tourism grant, 495.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,797.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 121.34/employee share retirement, 80.89; Books-A-Million, books, 187.19; Crawford Clipper, publication, 9.18; Junior Library Guild, supplies, 11.15; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 78.15; NEA, electricity, 98.78; NT & T phone, 72.78; The Penworthy Company, supplies, 201.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 111.45/employee share social security 111.45/county share medicare, 26.07/employee share medicare 26.07/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 114.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 5,429.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 366.51/employee share retirement, 244.35; Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 82.42; Heritage Seed, chemical, 1,117.00; Herren's, supplies, 73.04; Legacy Cooperative, repair, 651.50; Lotton's Service, fuel, 733.25; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 95.32; Nick Sanderson, mileage, 117.92; Security First Bank, county share social security, 299.86/employee share social security, 299.86/county share medicare, 70.13/employee share medicare, 70.13/ withholding, 263.65.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Allen Jordan, VSO met with the board to discuss issues to be brought up at the legislative conference. Jordan will have a resolution on "Operation Green Light" at the November board meeting.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board.

Lacy Klein, Sioux County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board. Klein discussed Resolution 2024-7, a resolution causing delinquent taxes on personal property, mobile homes, etc. to be stricken from the tax list. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the resolution. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff McCumbers provided a financial report, and update on recent activities. Commissioner Downer asked about illegal immigrant issues in the county. Sheriff McCumbers said it is possible, but nothing has been verified. McCumbers added that people should keep an eye on abandoned houses.

Ashley Ahrens provided a financial report from the extension office. October 20 the Fun Feed will be held at the fire hall. Next week is National 4-H week. UNL is waiving application fees from now until November 1. Interviews will be held for an office manager. Ahrens is teaching CPR, so anyone needing training can contact the extension office.

County Attorney Edmund advised the board that an interlocal agreement with Dawes County for Veteran's Service Officer is being discussed with hours between the two offices being sorted out.

Discussion was held on placing a moratorium on renewable energy until a regulation regarding solar farms can be reviewed and put in place.

Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve a drought declaration. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Casey Bach introduced himself to those in attendance. Casey was hired for the predator control position to be shared with Dawes County.

Road Superintendent, Jim Phipps updated the board on current road projects. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the purchase of pintle hitch trailer for the road department. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a lease/purchase option on an excavator from CAT.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet November 1, 2024.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

November 1, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room November 1, 2024 at 9:09 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. 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 Skavdahl to approve the minutes of the October 1 and 18, 2024 meetings. 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, 50,422.60; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,148.69/employee share, 2,186.43; AT&T, phone system, 102.03; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Bytes, IT services, 4,513.88; Centurylink, phone, 318.58; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dooley Oil, fuel, 39.09; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, printer, 740.00; J. Adam Edmund, mileage, meals, 896.51; ES&S, election supplies, 6,732.31; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 1,786.10; AT & T Mobility, phones, 671.70; Henne Family Funeral & Cremation, exam, 768.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 125.66; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.36; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 41.27; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 1,973.30; NACO, registrations, 175.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers, textbook, 360.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,211.48; NEA, electricity, 508.21; Pete's Quick Lube, service, 81.11; Quill, supplies, 297.17; Region 23 Emergency Management, FY 2024, hazard plan, 22,687.02; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 432.82; Roberts Electric, handicap door installation, 316.62; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,827.52/employee share social security, 2,827.52/county share medicare 661.27/employee share medicare 661.27/ withholding, 2,564.97; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.00/ room, 627.34/ law book, 97.50; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Joe Stecher, room, meals, 720.85; Transfer to Library Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 10,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 150,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 187.89; UNL Extension, mileage, 93.32; Village of Harrison, utilities, 486.05; Windbreak Cable internet, 113.15; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, rooms, meals 1,168.16.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 40,752.78; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 167.92; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,507.31/employee share retirement, 1,671.53; Aulick, repairs, 231.29; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 84.30; Contractors Materials, supplies, 24.75; Dooley Oil, fuel 441.92; Floyd's Truck Center, repairs, 3.21; Frank Parts, parts, 23.48; Herren's, repairs, 189.85; Horse Creek Tire,

repairs, 32.57; Inland Truck Parts, parts, 7,828.36; Lotton's, repairs, 1,185.76; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 87.50; Eric McCoy, fuel, 30.00; Morrill Supply, supplies, 72.36; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,003.46; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 229,720.16; NEA, electricity, 75.92; Northern Truck Equipment, repairs, 719.74; James Phipps, supplies, 21.09; Powerplan, repairs, 12,652.63; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 8,306.36; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,251.06/employee share social security, 2,251.06/county share medicare, 526.46/employee share medicare, 526.46/withholding, 2,061.85; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 514.80; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 384.75; Village of Harrison, utilities, 118.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 95.49; WPCI, drug testing, 400.00;.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$2,205.81; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 148.89/employee share retirement, 99.26; Books-A-Million, books, 366.67; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 88.43; NEA, electricity, 81.65; NT & T phone, 74.27; Quality Carpet Care, repairs, 6,675.50; Sarah Sanderson, mileage, 111.22; Security First Bank, county share social security, 136.76/employee share social security 136.76/county share medicare, 31.98/employee share medicare 31.98/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 104.25; Windbreak Cable, internet, 59.95.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, historic tax filing, 120.00.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 4,385.87; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 296.04/employee share retirement, 197.37; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink, internet, 84.30; Heritage Seed, chemical, 632.00; Herren's, supplies, 383.30; Lotton's Service, fuel, 866.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 63.21; Noel Santistevan, rental, 300.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 235.14/employee share social security, 235.14/county share medicare, 54.99/employee share medicare, 54.99/ withholding, 175.00.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board. The new trailer is here, and the old one has been sold on Purple Wave Auctions. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to advertise for gravel crushing. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to sign Resolution 2024-8, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes, Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve a Right-of-way permit for Michael Asmus on County Road SB. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Phipps regarding the hours that he is working. The issue will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Allen Jordan, VSO met with the board to ask the board to approve "Operation Green Light", supporting veterans. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the resolution. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. Jordan will be transporting veterans to a "Mission of Mercy" to have dental work done.

Sue Teal, Director of Emergency Services for Region 1 Behavioral Health met with the board to give an update of services provided. Discussion was held on the 988 initiative system, and an initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Skavdahl to approve the surplus of a laptop and printer and to offer those for sale. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Susanna Parker for Sioux County Treasurer submitted financial reports to the Board

LeAnne Skavdahl for Sheriff McCumbers provided financial reports.

Discussion was held on placing a moratorium on renewable energy until a regulation regarding solar farms can be reviewed and put in place. A planning and zoning meeting will be scheduled for November 20 to discuss the issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet December 1, 2024.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

Sioux County Board of Commissioners

Harrison, Nebraska

December 2, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room December 2, 2024 at 9:34 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners J.W. Geiser and Hal Downer. Josh Skavdahl joined the meeting at 9:50. 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 November 1, 2024 meeting. 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, 50,617.85; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 288.41; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 169.90; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 3,116.45/employee share, 2,163.64; Dana Anderson-Cardwell, juror mileage, 71.02; AT&T, phone system, 102.03; Gena Bannan, juror mileage, 16.08; Sarah Bannan, mileage, election, 75.04; Beef State Agency, insurance, 1,308.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 20,122.92; Darrell Braddock, juror mileage, 93.80; Sandy Buckley, juror mileage, 26.80; Terry Butcher, juror mileage, 71.02; Bytes, IT services, 4,568.88; Centurylink, phone, 324.52; Kayla Christensen, juror mileage, 79.06; Clinical Laboratory of the Black Hills, autopsy, 2,320.00; Wanda Clyncke, juror mileage, 80.40; Michael Corbin, juror mileage, 16.08; Crawford Clipper, publications, 885.29; DAS State Accounting, data processing, 538.00; Dawes County Treasurer, predator control contract, 1,908.64; Carole Derr, juror mileage, 96.48; Dooley Oil, fuel, 149.89; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 212.44; First Concord Benefits Group, HR fees, reimbursements, 311.00; AT & T Mobility, phones, 542.40; Brenda Fulk, juror mileage, 67.00; JW Geiser, mileage, room, 583.38; Spencer Gillen, juror mileage, 79.06; Laurel Ginkens, election judge, mileage, 217.72; Chance Gonka, juror mileage, 46.90; Lane Grote, juror mileage, 6.70; Dalora Sue Gullikson, canvass board judge, mileage, 143.85; Hagen, door repair, 630.00; Ruth Hamaker, election judge, 207.00; James Henderson, election judge, mileage, 167.12; Herren Brothers, supplies, 25.47; Ronald Hettinger, juror mileage, 67.00; Cynthia Kaan, election judge, mileage, 207.00; Lacy Klein, mileage, 93.80; Eric Kreman, juror mileage, 26.80; Jaymie Lambert, juror mileage, 18.76; Ashley Lara, juror mileage, 91.12; Chris Laucomer, juror mileage, 67.00; Kristina Lotton, juror mileage, 13.40; Lotton's, fuel, 74.30; Centurylink, extension phone, 254.36; Madison National Life ins., insurance, 53.62; MASA Global, insurance, 125.00; Chad McCumbers, reimbursement, 187.15; Courtney Miller, juror mileage, 87.10; MIPS, Inc., data processing, 2,276.96; James Moore, election judge, mileage, 212.09; Lori Moore, juror mileage, 96.48; Michael Morava, juror mileage, 34.84; NACO, dues, 1,190.52; National Association of Counties, dues, 450.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax, 1,193.69; NE Sheriff's Association, membership, 235.00; NEA, electricity, 682.07; Calvin Niss, juror mileage, 67.00; Christina Oldaker, juror mileage, 26.80; Kimberly Perkins, juror mileage, 72.36; Debby Petersen, election judge, 207.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc., postage, 500.00; Ashley Quick, juror mileage, 64.32; Irene Richey, yrs of service, 19.00; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 836.17; Kristin Schneider, juror mileage, 91.12; Scotts Bluff Co. Detention Center,

boarding, 360.00; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,839.63/employee share social security, 2,839.63/county share medicare 664.12/employee share medicare 664.12/ withholding, 2,527.60; Daniel Seier, juror mileage, 73.70; Sioux County Court, court costs, 106.50; Sioux Co. Insurance Trust Fund, employee cafeteria plan, 458.33; Skavdahl, Edmund & Stecher, office rent, 200.00/clerical, 150.00/ phone, 25.38/ autopsy, 500.00/postage, 73.00/ filing fees, 87.00; Kenneth Stangle, juror mileage, 67.00; Rustin Starkey, custodial contract, 650.00; Heather Staudenmaier, juror mileage, 16.08; Charles Stratton, juror mileage, 73.70; Andrea Symonds, juror mileage, 61.64; Tricia Thayer, juror mileage, 16.08; Transfer to Noxious Weed Fund, 5,000.00; Transfer to Road Fund, 10,000.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative, services, 120.00; Pete Unrein, juror mileage, 80.40; USDA, APHIS, predator control, 8,846.06; Village of Harrison, utilities, 407.20; Anne Waite, juror mileage, 91.12; Penny Westover, juror mileage, 30.82; Shon Whetham, juror mileage, 60.30; Windbreak Cable internet, 59.95; Jon Woodrum, juror mileage, 30.82; Marilyn Wright, juror mileage, 22.78; Michelle Zimmerman, mileage, meals 514.69.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PAYROLL: 42,541.53; AFLAC, employee cafeteria plan, 951.20; Ameritas Life Insurance, optical insurance, 220.00; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 2,740.28/employee share retirement, 1,826.84; Beef State Agency, insurance, 291.00; Beguin Propane, propane, 492.10; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 18,188.68; Centurylink, internet, 83.12; Dooley Oil, fuel 4,198.85; Herren's, supplies, 123.47; Kaufman Glass, glass, 300.00; Legacy cooperative, supplies, 757.12; Lotton's, repairs, fuel, 475.51; Madison National Life ins., life insurance, 90.85; MASA Global, insurance, 112.50; Morrill Supply, supplies, 386.43; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 1,071.65; Nebraska Machinery, repairs, 16,628.06; NEA, electricity, 83.63; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 181.94; James Phipps, supplies, registrations, 356.09; Pomp's Tire & Retreading, repair, 228.58; Powerplan, repairs, 2,467.30; ; Pine Ridge Service Center, fuel, 9,572.60; Security First Bank, county share social security, 2,358.73/employee share social security, 2,358.73/county share medicare, 551.64/employee share medicare, 551.64/withholding, 2,145.34; Skeeter's Napa, parts, 442.64; TDS, garbage, 35.00; U-Save Mart, fuel, 353.14; Valley Mercantile, supplies, 1,244.20; Village of Harrison, utilities, 112.25; Village of Morrill, electricity, 101.92; Wilburn's Transmissions, Inc., repair, 1,182.19.

VISITOR PROMOTIONS FUND: Crawford Clipper, tourism, 21.58.

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS, data processing, 382.11.

LIBRARY FUND: PAYROLL: \$1,782.62; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 120.33/employee share retirement, 80.22; Book Systems, Inc., books, 1,229.00; Books-A-Million, books, 300.69; Crawford Clipper, supplies, 8.84; Herren's, supplies, 27.20; Kent Adhesive Products Company, supplies, 140.40; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 77.82; NEA, electricity, 99.32; NT & T phone, 74.27; Security First Bank, county share social security, 110.52/employee share social security 110.52/county share medicare, 25.85/employee share medicare 25.85/withholding, 100.00; Village of Harrison, water, 72.25.

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND: Berggren Architects, window project, 1,107.50.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND: PAYROLL: 3,602.87; AgSpray Equipment, supplies, 451.60; Ameritas Life Insurance, employee optical insurance, 33.10; Ameritas Life Insurance, county share retirement, 243.19/employee share retirement, 162.13; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 2,801.24; Centurylink,

internet, 83.12; Crawford Clipper, ad, 200.00; Herren's, supplies, 76.88; Lotton's Service, fuel, 280.50; MASA Global, insurance, 12.50; NE Weed Control Association, dues, 235.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, employee withholding, 56.25; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supplies, 190.58; Security First Bank, county share social security, 186.59/employee share social security, 186.59/county share medicare, 43.64/employee share medicare, 43.64/ withholding, 175.00.

No one from the public was present to speak.

Michelle Zimmerman, Sioux County Clerk submitted financial reports to the board. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-9, the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The full resolution can be viewed at the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

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

Nick Sanderson gave an update regarding his NDA evaluation. He is still waiting for the contractor to do the repairs on the weed shop building. Sanderson has been advised that the Weed Fund will be receiving a \$15,000 grant from NE Forest Service for spraying on forest service lands. Commissioner Skavdahl asked if Sanderson would be willing to be recertified for controlling prairie dogs. Sanderson said he could get the training and get recertified.

Sheriff McCumbers provided financial reports and an update on activities to the board. The Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve the agreement. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Cassie Barrera, Extension Office Manager updated the board on activities.

The board discussed the zoning regulations regarding a landfill in the county. More research is needed.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to approve Resolution 2024-8, a resolution to place a moratorium on renewable energy for a period of 6 months to allow time for review of and the language, and potential changes to the Comprehensive Plan and County Zoning Regulations regarding renewable energy. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Brenda Chase to the Sioux County Travel Board. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to accept Rustin Starkey's resignation as Grounds-Keeper, effective December 20, 2024. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried. The position will be advertised. Discussion was held on combining the position with the courthouse janitor position.

Gale Henry inquired about the damage control program. Commissioner Geiser advised that Casey Bach is working on getting the certifications needed.

Road Superintendent Jim Phipps met with the board. Discussion was held with Phipps regarding the hours that he is working, and Eric McCoy's position of Assistant Superintendent. Hourly wages will be discussed further in January.

The board adjourned for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Purchase of a trailer for the road department was discussed. Road Superintendent Phipps would like to purchase a different trailer than the one previously approved. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the purchase of a trailer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Phipps reported that people are using personal equipment to work on county roads. Attorney Edmund, Phipps and the Board reviewed statutes concerning the issue, as well as tree maintenance in the county right of ways.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. The Sioux County Board of Commissioners will meet January 2, 2025.

/s/Josh Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk