

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal, and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on August 20, 2019 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Claims were approved for September 3, 2019 as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - **Degen** – Requested that Head Custodian Denny Vander Wel be added to the September 17 agenda to discuss the replacement of the boiler system.
 - **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Workforce Development meeting conducted by phone. The topic of reorganization was discussed as well as training for elected officials. 2) Reported that the County grain was sold on August 29.
 - **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a Northwest Iowa Planning and RIDES meeting. 2) Reported on the MidSioux meeting and distributed the FY20 Child Care Resource and Referral Budget report to the Board. The funding is a combination of Local, State, and Federal dollars and MidSioux manages the approximate \$2 million dollars in funding.
 - **Sybesma** – Attended the SRFDC (Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee) meeting in Des Moines. A tax on charging stations for electric cars is going into effect. An estimated \$236 million has been collected on the fuel tax and \$225 million was collected for vehicle registrations.
 - **Vande Weerd & Sybesma**– Reported on the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Board meeting from August 27. Topics of discussion were the work being done to determine funding for the access center, working to get mental health patients accepted from Plymouth and Sioux County at Avera in Sioux Falls (Lyon County has an agreement in place), and the use of the YES Center for patient transports.
 - **Bloemendaal & Sybesma**– Reported on the Airport Board meeting from August 20. An estimated 200 flights per week happen out of the airport. Drainage issues continue to be addressed with landowners.
 - **Bloemendaal, Sybesma, Vande Weerd** – Reported on the many good sessions at the ISAC Annual Conference held August 21-23 in Des Moines. Topics that were covered were seminars on flooding, watersheds, mental health update, ATV law, and Representative King spoke.
- 5) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, requested Board consideration of the following resolution to rezone a property. Motion by Muilenburg and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the resolution. Roll Call on Vote: Muilenburg, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30

WHEREAS, a petition has been received from Jeff Hartman requesting an amendment to the Sioux County Zoning Ordinance and the Sioux County Zoning Map to change the Zoning Classification of the property described herein, from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Commercial (C) District,

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

A portion of that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Ninety-five (95) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the 5th Prime Meridian, designated Parcel A in a Plat of Survey recorded in the 2011 File at Card No. 2930, and shown on the accompanying site plan (Exhibit A),

All of parcel A except a one hundred sixty five foot by one hundred thirty foot (165' x 130') area in the southwest corner of parcel A located in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 36, West Branch Township, Sioux County, Iowa,

WHEREAS, the above described property and surrounding area has a significant history of commercial usage, and is not in conflict with the Sioux County Land Use Plan, and,

WHEREAS, said change does not appear to have a detrimental effect on other properties adjacent to this site, and no major effect on the majority of the property owners in the area, and,

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Zoning Commission recommended, on August 15, 2019, approval of the proposed zoning classification change of the property described and shown on the area site plan attached to this petition.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Sioux County Board of Supervisors, that the Zoning Classification of said property be changed from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Commercial (C) District, and that said change shall be effective on publication of this resolution.

RESOLVED, this 3rd day of September, 2019.

/s/Mark Sybesma
Chairman, Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

- 6) Ted Kourousis, Executive Director of Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust and Kristin Larsen, Housing Planner, Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission were present to discuss Sioux County's involvement in the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund.

In previous meetings, the Board of Supervisors voiced concerns about the funds Sioux County has put into the Housing Trust Fund, but the funds are not being utilized.

Kourousis explained that \$185,000 in funding would be lost if Sioux County pulled out of the Housing Trust, or other counties that are in the Housing Trust, would need to increase their local match to keep that funding. Their desire is for Sioux County to remain in the Housing Trust.

Larsen reported that a total of 77 homes or entities since 2009/2010 have received funding in Sioux County to repair or update their homes.

Kourousis stated that they will do a better job of educating cities and banks in Sioux County to make Sioux County residents aware of the available funding.

Chairman Sybesma stated that Sioux County does not require cities to repay any funding to the County, which in the past was a possible roadblock.

Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal for Sioux County to remain in the Housing Trust and requested that the Regional Housing Trust make a strong effort to inform cities and banks in Sioux County of the availability of funding in the Housing Trust Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, informed the Board of his intention in the next 6 to 7 months to hire a full-time Human Resources Director. Dokter explained that he has room in the Auditor budget for the HR position and would keep the 2021 budget flat with the addition of this position. The position would not be adding any new staffing to the Auditor's office, Dokter would be filling a vacant position with an HR Director. The HR Director would assist Department heads with job interviews, disciplinary action, both employee and department head training, policies, and compliance with State and Federal laws. Other duties were listed in the draft job description Dokter provided to the Board. Dokter stated that positive feedback was given from department heads on this position and has heard nothing to the contrary.

Supervisor Bloemendaal asked if Dokter was unhappy with the services provided by Jack Reed. Dokter stated that he is satisfied with Reed's services as they pertain to the employee handbook and job descriptions, but an onsite employee would be more beneficial.

Supervisor Degen requested more time to discuss this position with department heads to get their opinion on the matter.

Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Muilenburg to approve an HR Director position for the Auditor's Office. Voice vote: Bloemendaal, No; Vande Weerd, Yes; Degen, Abstained; Muilenburg, Yes; Sybesma, No. Motion fails 2-2.

Chairman Sybesma requested that this topic be addressed again at the September 17, 2019 Board meeting to allow time for the Board to get the opinions of the department heads on this HR Director position.

- 8) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
- Presented a permit agreement from Premier Communications to bury a fiber optic cable in Sections 5, 6 and 8 of Rock Township, along Eagle Avenue and 280th Street. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
 - On September 4 at 10:00 a.m. will have the Title VI discrimination testing review.
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
 - Reviewed the progress on construction projects on the construction map.
 - Requested Board approval of a new motor grader for the Alton shop. There will be a trade-in of an old motor grader as part of this deal. The dealer had a promotion on pricing and delayed payment which prompted the proposal to replace the motor grader now, rather than waiting until the spring. Motion by Muilenburg and supported by Degen to authorize the Engineer to purchase a new motor grader. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor