

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2020**

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were John Degen, Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2020, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for January 14, 2020, as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Board discussed the medical examiner fee. The Board will continue to research the issue and will address the reimbursement amount at a future meeting.
- 5) The Board reviewed the Recorder's Quarterly Report and received it for information.
- 6) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the following resolution/proclamation. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2020-03**

**Sioux County**

**19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Commemoration Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 1848 people gathered together in Seneca Falls, New York and cited the unfairness of depriving women of the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the fight for women's suffrage, from the first women's rights convention to enfranchisement, lasted more than 72 years, with women from all walks of life, political views and demographic backgrounds asking for the right to voice their opinions at the polls; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa women by the thousands advocated for the right to vote and suffragists nationwide turned to public education and persuasion. They held conferences; campaigned; lobbied; marched; pleaded; petitioned; and suffered public disdain, violent opposition, and prison; and

**WHEREAS**, suffragists pushed for a single constitutional amendment, granting female suffrage on the federal level, dubbed the Susan B. Anthony Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Carrie Chapman Catt led the national movement, meeting with President Woodrow Wilson to secure his support for suffrage in light of women's contributions during World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, it took male allies to support women in their endeavor to vote, for it was sons, husbands and fathers who ultimately heard the calls of women and the House of Representatives took a historic vote on May 21, 1919 followed by the Senate on June 4, 1919, and three-fourths of the states needed to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa was the 10<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on July 2, 1919 and Tennessee was the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, making it the law of the land on August 26, 1920 whereby millions of women were enfranchised; and

**WHEREAS**, the introduction, passage and ultimate ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment were the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the women who began asking for the right to vote never lived to see the enfranchisement of women; and

**WHEREAS**, the daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, women are running for office in unprecedented numbers, many current politicians, both male and female, remember that they follow in the footsteps of these great suffragists; and

**WHEREAS**, the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment represents a historical milestone to be lauded and celebrated: Now, therefore be it...

**RESOLVED**, Sioux County:

- 1) Commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States;
- 2) Honors the role of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States;
- 3) Reaffirms the opportunity for people in the United States to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and
- 4) Reaffirms the desire of Sioux County citizens to continue strengthening democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established under the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**THEREFORE**, citizens of Sioux County shall enjoy the freedom of voter participation, continue to fight for voting rights for all citizens celebrates this important milestone by proclaiming the calendar year 2020 to be the: **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Commemoration**.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chair, Board of Supervisors Date: 1/14/2020

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, County Auditor Date: 1/14/2020

7) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd**– Attended a Sioux Rivers Advisory Board meeting and a Creative Living Advisory Board meeting.
- **Degen** – Attended the open house for the Prairie Woods Nature Center on January 11. The open house was very well attended.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the Landfill meeting from January 8. A new piece of machinery was purchased. 2) Attended the Iowa Workforce Development meeting in Spencer.

8) Rob Klocke, Sioux County Conservation Director,

- Discussed a land purchase near Rock Valley.
- Reviewed the FY21 Conservation budget.
- Distributed the 2018/2019 Conservation Numbers Report.

- 9) Dave Van Holland, Sioux Center Fire Chief, on behalf of the Sioux Center Fire Department, requested County participation in funding for a new fire station #2 in Sioux Center. The approximate total project is 1.3 million dollars. The Board made no decision on the amount of funding at this time.
- 10) Joy Poppema, Sioux County Payroll Clerk/Wellness Coordinator, reported that employee participation in the 2019 Wellness program earned a 5% discount (approximately \$88,000 saved) on FY21 health insurance premiums. Poppema is working with the Wellness team on the 2020 wellness program which may include an employee appreciation event with a learning opportunity. Poppema also requested Board approval of the 2020 Wellness Program Agreement with the Iowa State Association of Counties. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11) Doug Julius, Sioux county Engineer,
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
  - Reported that stockpiling continues for county gravel piles.
  - Updated the Board on FEMA reimbursement for disaster 4421.
- 12) Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor