

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal, Mark Sybesma, and John Degen.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2020 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims as submitted by the County Auditor for September 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, updated the Board on the County's application for CARES Act funding. Dokter submitted an application for 25% of the payroll costs for public safety for March through July expenses and has provided further documentation to the project manager as needed. No determination has been made on the application yet. Dokter also reported that Public Health has requested the County apply for payroll costs for their agency that are above and beyond the FEMA public assistance grant. The County will exhaust its allocation of roughly \$441,000 with public safety payroll costs and Dokter suggested the Board consider providing additional funding to Public Health if they so choose.
- 5) As this was the date and time for a public hearing for a construction permit application, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, presented the following: Name of Applicant: Junior Hoogland, Location of the proposed construction: Section 18 of Sherman Township. Type of confinement feeding operating structure proposed: One new 675 head deep bedded beef cattle confinement building at an existing beef cattle confinement/open lot facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation After Construction: 1665 animal units. (1665 head of beef cattle). No written or oral comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve a favorable recommendation to the Iowa DNR for this application. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, provided proposed language to update the County Nuisance Ordinance. There have been issues in the county relating to landlords who have properties that have mold, lead paint, and bed bug issues, which are a risk to the tenants living in those properties. Walter currently has no authority in the ordinance to abate the environmental health issues in these properties, which is why an update to the ordinance is needed. Walter also explained if a city has its own nuisance ordinance, their ordinance would supersede the County's ordinance.
- 7) Kim Westerholm, Community Health Services Director, updated the Board on the activities of the agency. The agency is working with the school systems in the county for contact tracing of positive COVID-19 cases and is providing guidance to parents for quarantining and when children can return to school. The agency has also hired some temporary staff to help keep up with the COVID-19 response. Public Health has been conducting healthy families and WIC services remotely since March. The agency will also work on plans for COVID-19 vaccine distribution once there is a vaccine available.
- 8) Joel Sikkema, Assistant to the Sioux County Engineer,

- Presented two permit agreements from Premier Communications for Board approval. 1) Bury fiber optic cable in Section 14 of West Branch Township, 2) Bury fiber optic cable in Section 26 of West Branch Township. The fiber is for a new home and a dairy barn. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the permit agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Updated the Board on the progress of the 28E agreement with the City of Orange City for the Jay Avenue project. The City of Orange City has approved the 28E agreement and will be considered for approval at a future meeting.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities and reported that all construction projects in the county have been completed.

9) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** – Reported that he was appointed to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for NACo.
- **Degen** – Reported that he attended a Conservation Board meeting. Conservation had a record year for camping and the outdoor programs have had good attendance.
- **Sybesma** – Reported on the Third Judicial meeting. Currently there are roughly 9,200 inmates in the prison system and COVID-19 has not been prevalent in the jails. The additional stress brought on by COVID-19 has affected the staff.
- **Muilenburg** – Reported on the Landfill meeting.

10) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Sybesma to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. until Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor