

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2021**

- 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, Al Bloemendaal, Mark Sybesma, and Carl Vande Weerd. John Degen was absent.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2021 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Kalyn Decker, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the results of the Special City of Chatsworth election held on May 25, 2021. Decker reported that 20 ballots were cast and the turnout was 45.45%. The election was to fill a vacancy for mayor and to fill a vacancy for a councilmember. No candidates filed papers to be on the ballot, so all votes cast were write-in votes.

Chatsworth Mayor TFV

Greg Arens (Write-in)	15	83.33%	Elected
Mark Weyen (Write-in)	1	5.56%	
Ed McMillan (Write-in)	1	5.56%	
Tyler Jurrens (Write-in)	1	5.56%	

Chatsworth Councilmember TFV

Bekkie Baker (Write-in)	13	65.00%	Elected
Virgil Lidgett (Write-in)	1	5.00%	
Dawn Merrick (Write-in)	3	15.00%	
Mark Weyen (Write-in)	2	10.00%	
Cliff Puhl (Write-in)	1	5.00%	

Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the canvass of the May 25, 2021 Special City of Chatsworth as presented. Motion carried, one member absent.

- 4) Suzanne Haverdink, Sioux County Zoning Assistant, presented the following resolution for a 14-day waiver for Oolman Pork. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve of the resolution as presented. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried 4-0, one member absent.

RESOLUTION 2021-28

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the Sioux County Board of Supervisors by Oolman Pork for approval for a waiver of Sioux County's right to appeal the issuance by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), of a final construction permit for the construction of a confined animal feeding operation,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sioux County Board of Supervisors as follows:

WHEREAS, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors has received a notice from the Iowa DNR that Oolman Pork DNR # 59804 has been issued a draft permit, AND

WHEREAS, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and recommended approval of said application on May 4, 2021, AND

WHEREAS, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit, AND

WHEREAS, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver, AND

WHEREAS, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver, AND

WHEREAS, This resolution shall take effect immediately,

RESOLVED, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg  
Chairman, Sioux County Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor

- 5) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to approve a 28E agreement with the City of Ireton and the County for collection of delinquent parking tickets. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 6) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the claims for June 1, 2021, as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 7) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion on the courthouse security proposal. The proposal is to add an additional full-time deputy sheriff, limit access to the courthouse to the west door only, and have all who enter pass through the magnetometer. Present for this discussion were as follows: Chief Deputy Huizenga, Captain Van Voorst, Head Custodian Vander Wel, Recorder Kookier, Clerk of Court Fischer, and Assistant County Attorney Hoisington.

Chairman Muilenburg stated he has mixed feelings about the proposal and would like to open all of the doors to the courthouse again.

Supervisor Vande Weerd state that he thinks it is time to open all the doors to the courthouse again. He is also not convinced the magnetometer if used at the entrance will work in that area due to space concerns. He is also concerned that if the Board pursued this proposal, then no weapons will be allowed in the building, which would make it so that a bad actor would only need to take out one person versus others who might have a weapon otherwise. Another concern is how bad actors might game the system by propping doors open as they exit to gain re-entry without going through security.

Supervisors Sybesma stated that it is a dangerous world we live in and we certainly hope nothing bad happens here. He also stated that nationally we see employees initiate security incidents.

Deputy Huizenga stated that the Sheriff's Office is available for any security concerns, but if the Board wishes to move forward with further security, the proposal is the best way to provide the level of security that is most effective.

Head Custodian Vander Wel stated that we see law enforcement is in harms way and that we should consider a more proactive approach to security in the building and not only look at the current situation of today but as a growing county, look down the road too and do what is best for employees and the public.

Captain Van Voorst spoke about a few procedural items in the event of a disturbance in the courthouse and/or other county buildings in the downtown area and how those might be handled if full security was added to the courthouse.

Supervisor Bloemendaal suggested that we take another look at the notifications and signs regarding the security cameras in the courthouse to make those more apparent as that might be a good deterrent.

The Chairman thanked those who provided input instructed the County Auditor to place this proposal on the June 15, 2021 agenda for a final decision.

8) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** – Reported on the YES Board meeting from May 21. Key fobs have been installed which restrict client access to the kitchen area. The transportation service continues to be heavily used, which covers most of the state. The agency has been averaging around 9 clients.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a RIDES meeting on May 20. The agency is trying to hire more drivers but are just not getting many applicants. The starting hourly wage was increased to \$15/hour. 2) Reported on the Mid-Sioux meeting from May 26. The agency staffs around 120 employees. The agency received PPP funding, but ended up not needing the funds and returned them.
- **Sybesma** – Reported on the recent Housing Trust meeting. A few Sioux County applicants were received but there is more activity from other counties in the program. The down payment assistance program has not been used yet.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended the recent Safety Committee meeting. 2) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Workforce Development meeting. The agency filled all of its appointments that were required. The new one-stop operator as of July 1, 2021 will be SPPG. Goodwill will be the service provider for the adult dislocated worker program through June 30, 2022. The Central Iowa Detention Center will be the new fiscal agent for the agency.
- **Sybesma & Vande Weerd** – Reported on the recent Sioux Rivers Mental Health Board meeting. The plans for the access center are on hold due to the passage of new legislation regarding mental health. The FY22 county mental health levy will be reduced to \$21.14/capita, and eliminated in FY23. The state will fund the gap in funding for FY22 and fully fund mental health in FY23.

9) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval of a Certificate as to Completion and Final Acceptance of bridge project L-5-2008—73-84-Br. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the document as presented. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Reported that Center Fresh Egg had previously requested county participation in paving approximately 500' of 410<sup>th</sup> Street. The request has now changed to be nearly ¼ mile. The approximate cost to pave this portion of 410<sup>th</sup> Street is \$290,000. When reviewing the paving points system, this project falls 22 points short and therefore

would recommend that the County take on 40% of the cost with Center Fresh Egg taking on 60% of the cost and if necessary, provide a 3 to 5-year payback plan. Motion Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to approve a proposal of 40% county cost sharing with Center Fresh covering the other 60%. Motion carried, one member absent.

- Informed the Board about the 20<sup>th</sup> Street project in Rock Valley by the Winterfeld Pond. The City of Rock Valley desires to pave this road in cooperation with the County. Julius reported that since this road is in city limits, the expense should not come from the secondary road fund. The approximate cost of this project for the County is \$64,000 and suggested that the Conservation department incur this cost.
- Updated the Board on the Highway 10 project as paving work is projected to begin in August.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
- Reviewed the progress of construction projects using the 2021 Construction Map.

**10)** Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant Engineer, reported that there is an operator position open at the Hawarden Shop currently, and requested feedback from the Board regarding the distance from which employees live from the shop. The Board would like the right person to be hired and that when hiring for these kinds of positions to use their discretion with the allowable distance from the shop, as well as making sure the employee(s) know what is required of them.

**11)** Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent and the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. until Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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