

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10, 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, John Degen and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on July 27, 2021 were submitted, motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Sybesma to approve the claims for August 10, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director,
  - Reported that an equipment auction is beginning at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 17 and will conclude on Tuesday, August 31. There are 32 laptops and 41 printers being auctioned and information regarding the auction can be found at [www.siouxcountya.gov](http://www.siouxcountya.gov).
  - Informed the Board that due to COVID-19, computers have increased in price, but was able to secure 26 computers at \$885/machine, which is a good deal considering the current pricing increases.
- 5) As this was the date, August 10, 2021 and time, 9:15 a.m. for a public hearing for Chestnut Pork LLC, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Zoning Director, Shane Walter presented the following: Name of Applicant: #71738: Chestnut Pork LLC. Location of the proposed construction: Section 32 of Eagle Township. Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Increase the animal numbers only in existing swine finisher confinement buildings at an existing swine confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of The Confinement Operation after Increase: 1666 animal units. (4165 head of swine finishers)  
  
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- 6) Chairman Muilenburg introduced the agenda item regarding the support request from the City of Sioux Center for an Enhance Iowa CAT Grant application for the construction of a dome structure for indoor events. This is a joint venture between the City of Sioux Center and Dordt University.

Supervisor Vande Weerd had concern about the availability of the facility with Dordt's involvement. The City of Sioux Center reported two weeks ago that the use of the facility will be a 50/50 split, but will have staff to manage the schedule.

Supervisor Bloemendaal believes the county should increase the funding beyond what the typical amount would be. Historically the county has provided \$15,000 to be paid over three years.

Supervisor Sybesma agreed that the amount provided should increase and open that up to any agency. Sybesma also stated that roughly 60% of the sales tax in the county is from Sioux Center so this contribution will help sustain their retail efforts.

Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to provide funding at \$10,000 per year for 4 years, to the City of Sioux Center to support their Enhance Iowa CAT Grant application. Voice vote: Sybesma, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Degen, No; Vande Weerd, No; Muilenburg, No. Motion fails 2 Yes to 3 No.

Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to provide funding at \$5,000 per year for 3 years, to the City of Sioux Center to support their Enhance Iowa CAT Grant application. Discussion: Vande Weerd stated that other communities need funding support as well for future projects, but what matters for this Enhance Iowa CAT Grant application is that the County supports it and gives some financial backing for the project. Voice vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, No; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carries 4 Yes to 1 No.

- 7) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, reviewed the FY2021 Cash Financial Report with the Board. Dokter reported that revenues were approximately 6.1 million dollars higher than anticipated due to road use taxes, CARES funding, Federal Funding for the American Rescue Plan, and local option sales tax. Expenditures came in under budget by approximately 6.2 million dollars due to capital projects, secondary roads, and high estimates for refunding county debt. In all the County is in a very strong financial position. The Board received the report for information.
- 8) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
  - Updated the Board on secondary road activities as well as the status of construction projects in the county.
- 9) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant County Engineer, opened bids at 10:00 a.m. for the asbestos abatement project, for the demolition of a building located at 4353 Ironwood Avenue, Orange City, IA 51041 (County Home). Sikkema reported that four bids were received for Item: 2536-6745045 – Asbestos Abatement.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Environmental Property Solution	\$88,400.00
REW Services Corp	Invalid Bid
Site Services Inc	\$126,455.00
Wheeler Contracting Inc	\$116,800.00

Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to accept the low bid in the amount of \$88,400.00 from Environmental Property Solution, pending the review of the County Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

The start date for work on this project is September 13, 2021 and the completion date is May 28, 2022.

**10) Committee Reports:**

- **Vande Weerd & Sybesma** – Reported on the July 27 Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting. The Region is working with the City of Spirit Lake on a building to use as an access center. The year-end budget for the Region was very healthy. Funding for service providers was cut down and the Region is discussing ways to make them whole.
- **Degen** – Reported on training performed with Emergency Management, the Sioux County Dive Team, and Fire Departments. Protocols are being worked on for emergency situations as some areas lack consistent communication from cell towers.
- **Muilenburg** – Reported on the Zoning/Board of Adjustment meeting. A construction permit was approved for Derek Kollis and a dog kennel was approved in the Ireton area.
- **Muilenburg & Vande Weerd** – Attended a recent ARP Committee meeting, regarding ideas for use of the American Rescue Plan funding.

**11) Supervisor Sybesma left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.**

**12) Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, August 24, 2021.**

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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