

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 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, John Degen, Carl Vande Weerd and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2021 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the claims for October 12, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) As this was the date, October 12, 2021, and time, 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing regarding Sioux County FY2022 Budget Amendment #1, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, reviewed the expenditure categories for the amendment, which were estimates for funding projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The total amount of the budget reflects half of the ARPA funding the county has received. No other written or oral comments were received from the public and the Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the amendment and the following resolution. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-35
Approval of FY 2021/2022 Budget Amendment #1

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2021/2022 county budget amendment, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget amendment #1 was held on October 12, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County that the county budget amendment #1 for FY 2021/2022, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Sioux County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2021/2022 county budget amendment #1.

Signed and dated this 12th day of October, 2021.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

- 5) Shari Kastein, CEO of Family Crisis Center, informed the Board of a new program her agency is implementing for a family visitation center, which is a safe place for children to connect with

their family. Kastein reported that no such center exists in the state of Iowa currently so this would be the first and is to be located in the current facility that FCC uses. There are certain federal requirements that need to be met in order to have this type of center and the existing building meets the criteria. This center serves children who are often caught in the middle of complicated family dynamics such as divorce, domestic violence or substance abuse. This center will provide a place for safe, supervised visits and exchanges. Estimated startup costs are \$1,060,550 and Kastein is asking for financial assistance from the county. FCC is completing a grant application for a CDBG grant to obtain \$600,000 for this project and the City of Sioux Center has committed funds for this as well. FCC is also applying for another grant for operational costs called the Safe Haven grant. The Board directed the County Auditor to review acceptable uses of the ARPA funding to see if this project meets the allowable uses and to provide an application to Kastein to apply for funding.

- 6) Randy Iedema with Rural Water System #1, Russell Coons with Southern Sioux Rural Water, and Bonnie Koel with Lyon/Sioux Rural Water discussed their concerns with the Midwest Carbon Pipe Line project with the Board. These water systems requested assistance from the County to help protect their water infrastructure from potential damage by recommending a boring depth of at least 2 feet below any rural water systems lines and no open excavation around their lines. They want to ensure that the pipe line works with the same set of rules that the rural water systems would follow when they are placing lines. The rural water systems also filed their concerns with the Iowa Utility Board (IUB).

County Engineer, Doug Julius stated that the county can determine a depth for boring under road crossings in the permitting process and will work with the rural water systems moving forward.

- 7) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Requested Board approval of a permit agreement for Long Lines Communication to place fiber optic cable in Sections 28 and 29 of Nassau Township. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the permit agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Requested Board approval for the Chairman to sign a Block Grant Agreement for project STBG-SWAP-C084(173)—FG-84 Iowa DOT Agreement No. 3-21-STBG-SWAP-023. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the Block Grant Agreement for signature by the Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
 - Reported that DGR will attend the November 9 Board meeting regarding pipe line inspection for the proposed Midwest Carbon project. Julius stated that other companies are showing interest in doing the inspection for the county as well.
- 8) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the contracts for service for Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust as well as the Family Crisis Center. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to approve the 28E agreement with Elderbridge Agency on Aging. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** –Attended a recent NACo Rural Action Committee meeting.
- **Bloemendaal** – Reported on the Mid-Sioux meeting from September 29. The agency’s typical budget is \$9-\$10 million dollars but due to COVID-19 funding, increased to \$21 million. The agency has maintained staffing levels and the CEO has run the agency well. The agency applied for a service area program which means it will administer \$32 million in funding for services.

11) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. until Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor