

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2001

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Loren Bouma presiding. Members present were Mark Sybesma, Vernon Beernink, Loren Bouma, Bernard L. Smith and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of January 30, 2001 were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

The County Board of Supervisors discussed the proposed schedule for complying with reprecincting and redistricting requirements using year 2000 Sioux County census figures. The first item was to determine the size of a Temporary County Redistricting Commission.

Motion by Sybesma and supported by Beernink to approve and set the size of a Temporary Redistricting Commission at seven members. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to report that Sioux County victims of domestic violence abuse received a total of \$47,473.65 from the state crime victims advocate program for the month of January, 2001. He also reported that the Sioux County Attorney's office collected a total amount of \$88,121.30 in fine collections for the period from July, 1996 through January, 2001.

Jan Vander Zwaag, Deputy Auditor, met with the Board this date to review proposed county departmental and organizational budget requests for fiscal year 2002.

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to review the General Relief Department budget request for fiscal year 2002.

Bernie Punt, President of Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op; and Leon Schuiteman, Garold Den Herder and Darrell Vermeer, all Board Members of the Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op, met with the Board this date to review and request a tax abatement proposal for the Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op ethanol plant project. Paul Clousing, Economic Development Director for the City of Sioux Center, also reported that the Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op is applying for a new jobs and income program grant through the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Phylliss Kroon, County Assessor, was also present for the aforementioned Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op proposed tax abatement proposal. She reviewed the partial industrial and urban revitalization tax exemption programs that are available.

Motion by Sysbesma and supported by Smith to conceptually approve the proposed tax abatement proposal from the Siouxland Energy and Livestock Co-op for the ethanol plant project. Roll Call on Vote: Sysbesma, Yes; Beernink, Abstained; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor with one abstention.

Bill Feldhacker, Director of County Veteran Affairs Commission; and Roger Johnson, Secretary of County Veteran Affairs Commission, met with the Board this date to review the County Veteran Affairs Department budget request for fiscal year 2002.

Shane Walter, Central Point of Coordination Administrator, met with the Board this date to review the Mental Health Department budget request for fiscal year 2002.

Jim Schwiesow, County Sheriff, met with the Board this date to review the County Sheriff Department budget request for fiscal year 2002.

Ali Child, marketing representative for Wellmark/Blue Cross-Blue Shield, met with the Board this date to review available partial self-funding programs available for the Iowa State Association of Counties medical health insurance plans 6 and 7. She pointed out potential dollar savings based upon varying claim exposure percentages.

The consensus of the Board pertaining to making a change to another partial self-funding program was to delay consideration on said matter until the current collective bargaining agreement between Sioux County and the Secondary Road Union expires.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board this date to review the County Engineer Department budget request for fiscal year 2002.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, February 13, 2001.

Loren Bouma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor