

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2005

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Loren Bouma, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, John Degen and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of Tuesday, May 17, 2005 were on motion and vote stand approved as distributed.

Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, reported on the following matters:

- What authority does the Board of Supervisors have over elected officials' office staff? County supervisors can establish vacation and sick leave policies for county employees. The Board does not have authority over work hours, but does have authority over the departments' budget. Inasmuch as compensatory time affects the budget, the Board of Supervisors can control the amount of money budgeted for payroll items.
- Acknowledged the contribution made by JEB, the county canine deputy, who died last week. He was more than just a dog or a pet, he was a member of the law enforcement team.
- Reviewed a case that has recently been adjudicated by the County Attorney's office.

Tom Fleming, Account Representative, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, reviewed various options on health insurance for next fiscal year. Also present for this discussion was Beth Vander Veen, County Payroll Clerk. Intent of the Board of Supervisors is to go with a higher deductible and then partial self fund to the current level of coverage for employees. The Partial Self Funding contract should not be affected by the change in coverage. Currently, Partial Self Funding is picking up \$300 of the \$500 deductible for single coverage. If the county were to increase the deductible, the additional Partial Self Funding cost would be paid for out of

the County Partial Self Funding fund. The employee out of pocket cost will remain at the \$200 level for single coverage. The Board requested that Mr. Fleming analyze the various plans to help determine the amount of exposure associated with the various plans available to the County. Wellmark has entered into a company that does disease management. Effective July 1, 2005, employees and their family members will be enrolled in a disease management program. The key to this program is to stabilize those with chronic illness. Employees who have chronic illnesses will be contacted, and asked if they wish to enroll in this disease management program. This program will be available for the following illnesses: Diabetes, Cardiac, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Asthma. Cost of this program is paid for by ISAC. The theory behind adding this program is that there will be a savings over a period of time.

Approval of the Partial Self funding contract with TPA, LTD, was tabled until the June 7, 2005 meeting.

As this was the date and 10:15 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application proposing the construction of a 960 ft. x 100 ft. bedding pack cattle confinement barn by Cla-Don Farms, Inc. located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 32 of Plato Township, said hearing was held according to law. The site was visited on May 17, 2005 by the DNR and given a Matrix score of 440.

No written comments against the permit application were received by the County Auditor. Jeff Koops and Doug Winterfeld were present for the aforementioned discussion.

The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by Degen and supported by De Haan to forward a favorable letter of recommendation to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a construction permit application submitted by Cla-Don Farms Inc., subject to final approval by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Degen and supported by Bouma to approve the change in status of an employee in the Auditor's office from part time to full time retroactive to February 1, 2005. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Vern Beernink reported on a communications meeting dealing with the purchase of a communication system that will enable the Communications Department to pinpoint locations of 911 calls. Funding will come from the E-911 fund. The system will cost approximately \$59,000.

Mark Dunlop, County Emergency Management Director, reported that a Regional Commission made up of 18 counties makes the decision on money received from FEMA for Homeland Security. Federal dollars for homeland security have decreased in recent years. Money received is to be used for communications or decontamination procedures.

As this was the date and 10:30 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application proposing the construction of Swine Confinement Feeding buildings by D & M Swine LLC #2, located in the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 27 of Sherman Township, said hearing was held according to law. Present for this discussion were; Mark Kessenich, co-owner of the facility and Galen Mars, representative of Farmers Coop Society. No written comments against the permit application were received by the County Auditor. The site was visited by the DNR and given a Matrix score of 485.

The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by Degen and supported by De Haan to forward a favorable letter of recommendation to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a construction permit application submitted by D & M Swine, LLC #2, subject to final approval by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

As this was the date and 10:45 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application proposing the expansion of formed manure storage structures consisting of two buildings with concrete pits below, by Robbie Hofmeyer, located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 11, Reading Township said hearing was held according to law. Present for this discussion was, Robbie Hofmeyer, owner of the facility. No written comments against the permit application were received by the County Auditor. The site was visited by the DNR and given a Matrix score of 455.

The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by Degen and supported by De Haan to forward a favorable letter of recommendation to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a

construction permit application submitted by Robbie Hofmeyer, subject to final approval by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, requested that the Chairman of the Board sign various permit agreements and Title Sheet.

- PERMIT AGREEMENTS
 - Agreement with Hickory Tech for buried telephone cable in the SE corner of 290th Street and Kennedy Avenue in Section 13 of Sheridan Township.
 - Agreement with Hickory Tech for buried telephone cable in the NE corner of Section 10 east across Dipper Avenue then North on East Side of Road to 3380 Dipper Avenue in Sections 10, 11 and 2 of Garfield Township.

Motion by Bouma, and supported by Beernink to authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned agreements. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Doug Julius, County Engineer reported on various construction projects ongoing in the county. Bids would be opened on June 7, 2005 for various Culvert Extension Projects, and the K-64 Widening Project.

Lisa Rowenhorst and Joan Schreier, Auditor's office staff members, were present for a discussion to establish Voting Precincts for Primary and General Elections. A statement from the City of Maurice was read by Supervisor, John Degen. "The CITY OF MAURICE realizes how important the right and privilege to vote is to the residents of Sherman Township. The CITY OF MAURICE will donate to Sioux County the purchase price of voting equipment for their precinct, so that the Sherman Township voting precinct will remain "IN" the CITY OF MAURICE."

Motion by Beernink and supported by Bouma to close five precincts. Roll call on Vote: Bouma, Yes; Beernink, Yes; De Haan, No; Degen, No; Sybesma, No. Sybesma noted that the

City of Maurice's office is generous; however it is the counties responsibility to pay for election equipment. Motion Failed.

Members of the public present for this discussion were: Howard Rusch, Duane Van Der Weide, Virg Van Schepen, Perry Jager, LeAnn Jager, Pastor Wayne Sneller, Don Van Horsen, Lylis Van Donkelaar and Gerrit Van Donkelaar all from Maurice and Robert Fischer from Granville.

Comments were heard that we have an obligation to senior citizens. WWII vets should not be sold short during this stage of their life. We have an obligation to provide voting privileges to them. We send people to Afghanistan to protect our right to vote. We should not take the ease of voting away from those who have served to protect that right.

Motion to close only Capel & West Branch Precincts was made by Degen and supported by De Haan. Roll call on Vote: Bouma, Yes; Beernink, Yes; De Haan, Yes; Degen, Yes; Sybesma, Yes.. Motion carried, Unanimous in favor.

Word of appreciation from those attending the session were extended to the Board.

Creative Living Services, Inc. representatives were present for this meeting to acknowledge Mental Health month. Representatives from Creative Living Services, Inc. present for the meeting were Dayton Vogel, Stanton Visser, Andy Visser, Chuck Vaughn, Jessica Hulst, and Shawn Scholten. Dayton Vogel thanked the board for the support of their organization. He reported on various ongoing programs as well as on a grant received for the Senior Companion Program. Also noted was that a joint services quarterly meeting will soon be held for all service organizations in Sioux County. The Chairman expressed appreciation for services provided by Creative Living Services. Shane Walter, County Community Services Director, expressed his appreciation to Creative Living Services as well.

The Board approved payment of claims as presented by the County Auditor from all departments this date.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Lois Huitink
Sioux County Deputy Auditor