

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF**

**SUPERVISORS**

**MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2000**

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

Minutes were approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Robert Klocke, County Conservation Board Executive Director; and John Degen, Gordon Pottebaum and Don Brommer, County Conservation Board Members, met with the Board to date to review and request approval on a proposal to purchase 240 acres from Abma Farms in an amount of \$250,000 to be paid for from the following funding sources:

State Wildlife Habitat Stamp Funds	\$ 71,760
Sioux County Sportsmen's Club	83,240
Sioux Praire Pheasants Forever	37,500
National Turkey Federation	49,500
Ducks Unlimited	8,000

The proposed acquisition is located 4 miles northeast of Rock Valley in Sections 10 and 15 of Rock Township.

Motion by De Haan and supported by Smith to approve the purchase of 240 acres from Abma Farms in an amount of \$250,000 to be paid for from the following funding sources:

State Wildlife Habitat Stamp Funds	\$ 71,760
Sioux County Sportsmen's Club	83,240
Sioux Prairie Pheasants Forever	37,500
National Turkey Federation	49,500
Ducks Unlimited	8,000

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to discuss a proposal to amend the County General Relief Ordinance to increase hourly rates and the maximum amount payable for legal services rendered to eligible applicants for various types of legal services rendered in Sioux County for civil litigation filed in the Iowa District Court for Sioux County. The maximum amount payable would be increased from \$450.00 to \$800.00. The hourly rates would increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for out of court legal services and hourly rates would increase from \$40.00 to \$65.00 for in court legal services. Legal services are performed by members of a low-fee panel comprised of attorneys licensed in Iowa who practice primarily in Sioux County. Additional monies would be available from the Interest On Iowa Lawyers Trust Account to help fund increased hourly rates and maximum payments.

The consensus of the Board pertaining to the aforementioned request for a proposed General Relief Ordinance Amendment was to increase the maximum amount payable for legal services for eligible applicants from \$450.00 to \$800.00 was to instruct Mark Schouten, County Attorney, and Dennis Lange, County Auditor, to proceed with preparation and publication of required newspaper notices for a public hearing to be held on the matter.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Inter-fund Operating Transfer Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-21**

WHEREAS, it is desired to make the following inter-fund operating transfer:

\$100,000 from General Basic Fund to General Supplemental Fund

WHEREAS, said operating transfer is made in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa as Amended;

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

Section 1. The following inter-fund operating transfer is to be made effective August 8, 2000.

\$100,000 from General Basic Fund to General Supplemental Fund

Section 2. The County Auditor is directed to correct his books accordingly and to notify the County Treasurer of this inter-fund operating transfer, accompanied with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

Signed and dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

/s/ Loren Bouma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Dennis Lange  
Sioux County Auditor

Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Inter-fund Operating Transfer Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-22**

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has negotiated and ratified a partial self-funding health insurance plan with the Sioux County Secondary Road Union; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has also implemented a partial self-funding health insurance plan for all county employees effective September 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Sioux County will partially self-fund a higher deductible and out of pocket expenses for county employees; and

WHEREAS, Sioux County has received an amount of \$56,871.24 as a settlement amount in a class action lawsuit against Wellmark/Blue Cross;

WHEREAS, Williams & Company of Le Mars has recommended that Sioux County establish an Internal Service Fund for the payment of administration fees, and the payment of the partial self-funding of deductibles and out of pocket expenses to Wellmark/Blue Cross for distribution to the county employees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sioux County Board of Supervisors that the Wellmark settlement monies in an amount of \$56,871.24 be transferred from the General Basic Fund to a new Partial Self Funding Internal Service Fund to fund initial administrative fees, and the payment of the partial self-funding of deductibles and out of pocket expenses to Wellmark/Blue Cross for distribution to the county employees; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional monies be budgeted each year out of the General Basic and Secondary Road Funds on a pro-rata basis of total health insurance premiums paid to the Iowa State Association of Counties to go into the Partial Self-funding Internal Service Fund to keep it solvent.

Approve and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

/s/ Loren Bouma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Dennis Lange  
Sioux County Auditor

Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

As this was the date and 10:00 o'clock A.M. the time set for consideration and review of a construction permit application received by the Sioux County Auditor from AT SMA Dairy Farm for a proposed dairy confinement operation, said consideration and review was held according to law.

Dennis Lange, County Auditor, reported that no written or oral comments were received either for or against said proposal.

Mike Thompson of Paullina, representative for Farmers Cooperative Company of Paullina and Granville; and Ken Franken, representative for AT SMA Dairy Farm,

reviewed said construction permit application. The construction will consist of dairy cattle housed in two 1000 head freestall barns and a 700 head holding building for a total number of cattle on site of 2700 head. Waste from all buildings will be sent to the new storage basins.

The consensus of the Board was to not forward any comments to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the aforementioned construction permit application.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Beernink to go into executive session upon the recommendation of Mark Schouten, County Attorney, according to Section 21.5(1c), Iowa Code as Amended, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. The executive session dealt with a contract with Multimedia Telesys, Inc. of Tempe, Arizona for the installation of a video courtroom connection. Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Beernink to go out of executive session according to Section 21.5(1c), Iowa Code as Amended. Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to review the calculation of state dollars to state/federal dollars for the following Sioux County Department of Human Services programs:

Foster Care Services  
Group Care Services  
Family Centered Services

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, also reported on a new action plan process being proposed by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Shane Walter, County Central Point of Coordination Administrator, met with the Board this date to report on a monthly MH/DD Service Expenditure Report for the month of July, 2000.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board this date to request approval and a Chairman's signature on various documents.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following documents:

Permit Agreement with Southern Sioux Rural Water of Ireton for a road right-of-way crossing in Section 9 of Reading Township.  
Permit Agreement with Ken Franken of Sioux Center for road right-of-way crossings in Sections 7 and 8 in West Branch Township.  
Revised Permit Agreement with the City of Hull for road right-of-way crossings from Sections 23 through 26 in Lincoln Township.

Carried, unanimous in favor.

The Board approved and signed a Certificate of Appreciation for Robert L. Rohrs for his 35 years of outstanding service and contributions to the citizens of Sioux County while working in the Secondary Road Department.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Gail A. Sheridan-Lucht, Past-President of the Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys, which promotes installation of diaper changing stations in all county court houses across the State of Iowa. The consensus of the Board was to not install diaper changing stations in the Sioux County Court House and felt that the current restroom facilities were adequate for diaper changing.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, August 22, 2000.

Loren Bouma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange  
Sioux County Auditor