

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2006

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 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 the meeting held on September 25, 2006, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to appoint Lyndon Moss to the Zoning Board. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

The Sheriff's 3rd Quarter Revenue Report showing receipts of \$210,548.52 was received for information. Chief Jail Inspector, Mark Richardson, determined that the jail was in compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Degen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Grant application for Biogas Regional Anaerobic Digester (BRAD) Facility. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Harley Kleinwolterink, Courthouse Custodian, requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on a proposal by Master Roof Innovations for repair on the Courthouse Tower Roof. Motion by Degen and supported by Beernink to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal for tower roof repair. Motion carried unanimous in favor.

Nancy Dykstra, Public Health Nurse, reported that a Grant of \$8,000 has been received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. They will be offering flu shots on November 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at locations near each polling precinct. Present for this discussion was Lisa Koerselman.

Shane Walter, Community Services Director, requested that the Chairman sign an Amendment to the Service Coordination Contract for Empowerment. Motion by Degen and supported by De Haan to sign an Amendment to the Empowerment Service Contract. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Discussion on local control of Mental Health: Legislators present were District 4 State Representative Dwayne Alons and District 3 State Representative Chuck Soderberg. Also present for the discussion was David Van Ningen, from Hope Haven, who urged the legislators to keep the focus of Mental Health Services at the local level.

Walter reported that since the County has taken over Mental Health Services (1993), no services have been denied. Approximately 50 to 175 persons receive care on a daily basis. Bouma reviewed some history associated with the funding of MH/MR/DD/BI services. Services are being provided tailored to the individual, vendor fees have been increased. The legislators were asked “Why does the state want to take over the services now?”

Soderberg: The Chairman of the House has the same questions. The intent is not to put an additional financial burden on the Counties. He requested that information be provided from Walter to document the County’s position.

Alons: Direction for the change to State Control originates from the Lieutenant Governor. He sited possible unrealistic projection and stated that he would like to see movement to more local control.

Representative Dave Mulder was present at the conclusion of the discussion.

Motion by Bouma and supported by Beernink to approve a Resolution supporting the County Management of the Adult MH/DD System. Roll Call on Vote: De Haan, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Sybesma, Yes.

RESOLUTION No. 2006-29

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF THE ADULT MH/DD SYSTEM

WHEREAS: County property taxes have been and continue to be a major funding source for services to adults with MH/MR/DD/BI,

WHEREAS: Beginning in 1994, the state began a process to fund a larger amount of the adult service system from state funds,

WHEREAS: Beginning in 1994, the state embarked on a partnership with the counties to fund 50% of the “base” and all of the growth in the system,

WHEREAS: The counties agreed to manage the system with the combination of local, state and federal funds,

WHEREAS: The MH/DD/MR/BI Commission undertook a project to improve the system and in that evaluation confirmed that the adult disability service system should be managed by the counties,

WHEREAS: The county system has worked well for the past ten years,

WHEREAS: There is no evidence that a centralized system of services will provide better services for less money than the current system,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County that the undersigned do hereby, request the Iowa Legislature to maintain its commitment to the local management of the adult MH/DD/MR/BI system in Iowa.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2006

/s/ Mark Sybesma, Chairperson
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor

Dan Zomermaand, Northland Securities, encouraged the Board to be aware of the possibility of saving interest costs by refinancing the Jail Bonds. Present for the discussion was Kim Vegter, County Budget Director. Zomermaand noted that long term rates have come down, so it might be time to refinance. The Board will take the matter under advisement from County Treasurer, Randy Feenstra, and address the issue at the October 24, 2006 Board Meeting.

Douglas Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board and requested signatures on various documents.

- **High Tech Electric LLC (for Quest)** – Bury 3 pair - drop from terminal 400-2 East 640' then North 300' in Section 36 of Grant Township and Section 1 of Lynn Township

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the permit for High Tech Electric as submitted by the County Engineer. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Federal-Aid Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program Project Agreements were submitted by Julius for the following projects:

- BROS-CO84 (123) FHWA Structure # 311360
- BROS-CO84 (122) FHWA Structure # 308920
- BROS-CO84 (118) FHWA Structure # 311550

Motion by Beernink and supported by De Haan to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned Bridge Agreements. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Julius updated the Board concerning ongoing construction projects in the County. He noted that a bridge between Sioux and Plymouth County is being repaired jointly by the counties.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. until Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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