

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2001

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock p.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 November 27 and December 3, 2001 were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to update them on the Iowa Department of Human Services restructuring progress covering the following topics:

1. Reconfiguration of local offices
2. Reduction in work force and dollars
3. Caseloads
4. The transition in smaller population counties

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to review correspondence addressed to Sioux County employees which would clarify provisions in the new Sioux County Personnel Policy pertaining to the Family and Medical Leave Act. Section XI(B)(7) of the newly adopted Sioux County Personnel Policy (located on Page 18) requires that the 12 month period under the Family and Medical Leave Act will now be computed by measuring backward from the date the employee uses any Family and Medical Leave Act leave. It will be made clear that Sioux County has selected the rolling method set out in 29 CFR 825.200(b)(4) of the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Motion by Beernink and supported by De Haan to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign correspondence addressed to Sioux County employees which would clarify provisions in the new Sioux County Personnel Policy pertaining to the Family and Medical Leave Act. Section XI(B)(7) of the newly adopted Sioux County Personnel Policy (located on Page 18) requires that the 12 month period under the Family and Medical Leave Act will now be computed by measuring backward from the date the employee uses any Family and Medical Leave Act leave. The County Auditor will insert the signed correspondence with payroll checks to all county employees after the County Attorney's office has supplied copies of the Sioux County Personnel Policy to all department heads for distribution to applicable county employees. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Todd Moss, architect for Ruble, Mamura, Moss, Brygger Architects, met with the Board this date to review revised preliminary schematic architectural plans for the new County Public Safety Center. He reviewed main floor, basement, upper level and exterior elevation designs.

The consensus of the Board was to approve said aforementioned revised schematic architectural plans with the exception of instructing Todd Moss to investigate what the additional cost would be to increase the basement size another 2,000 square feet.

Todd Moss, architect for Ruble, Mamura, Moss, Brygger Architects, reported that the schematic design phase will now be concluded and that the next phase includes more detailed architectural design plans for the new County Public Safety Complex.

The Board also instructed Todd Moss, architect for Ruble, Mamura, Moss, Brygger Architects, to conduct a Court House space feasibility study to find a way to provide additional office space for an additional 10 clerk of court employees from Lyon and Plymouth counties and additional courtroom space due to a proposed court restructuring plan.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Sybesma to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support addressed to Mayor John S. Kooima of the City of Hull pertaining to a request for Vision Iowa or Community Attractions and Tourism grant monies from the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The City of Hull is looking to create Pattersonville Park and a Liberal Arts Area. Carried, unanimous in favor.

The Board of Supervisors discussed a request from the City of Sheldon for Sioux County to participate in an Iowa Department of Economic Development Grant Application. The consensus of the Board was to not participate in the Iowa Department of Economic Development Grant Application being prepared by the City of Sheldon.

The Board reviewed Requests for Proposal from the following two financial consultants to provide Sioux County financial advisory services with the issuance of general obligation bonds in connection with the County Public Safety Center Project:

Rex Ramsay
Piper Jaffrey Inc.
700 Walnut Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dan Zomermaand
Ruan Securities Corporation
604 Locust Street, Suite 317
Des Moines, IA 50309

Mark Sybesma, County Supervisor, reported on the contents of the two financial consultant proposals.

The Board contacted Mark Cory, attorney for the Ahlers, Cooney, Dorweiler, Haynie, Smith & Allbee of Des Moines, via telephone to assist with interpreting some percentage discount language contained in one request for proposal.

Motion by Smith and supported by De Haan to approve and accept the request for proposal from Piper Jaffrey Inc. of Des Moines to provide Sioux County financial advisory services with the issuance of general obligation bonds in connection with the County Public Safety Center Project. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board this date to report that costs to repair several damaged bridge railings was an approximate amount of \$7,500.00.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, December 10, 2001.

Loren Bouma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor