

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 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 of December 12, 2000 were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to report on the Abma Farms land acquisition project near the city of Rock Valley. He stated that the State Wildlife Habitat Stamp Funds would not be released to Sioux County until a Warranty Deed has been issued to Sioux County by Abma Farms. Sioux County must pay the total purchase price to the seller to obtain the Warranty Deed before being reimbursed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He also stated that he has reviewed the abstract to the property.

The Board of Supervisors earlier approved at a meeting held on August 8, 2000 the purchase of 240 acres from Abma Farms in an amount of \$250,000 to be paid for with the following funds:

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

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to explain his rationale for not agreeing to sign a Mutual Release of All Claims concerning the Melissa O'Rourke employment matter. He stated that he was not comfortable with the hold

harmless and indemnification language contained in the Mutual Release of All Claims because it varies from language contained in a standard Iowa Bar Association Release of All Claims form. The proposed settlement was a sum of \$22,500.00.

The Board of Supervisors earlier approved the Mutual Release of All Claims concerning the employment of Melissa O'Rourke at a meeting held on December 5, 2000. The Mutual Release of All Claims included the payment of a \$5,875.00 expense including a deductible and co-payment concerning this claim and that the Board Chairman was authorized and directed to sign the Mutual Release of All Claims on behalf of the County and on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors.

Melissa O'Rourke was present for the aforementioned employment matter and later stated that she will consult with her attorney about whether or not to sign the Mutual Release of All Claims without a signature from Mark Schouten, County Attorney. She will contact the Board of Supervisors with her decision.

Shane Walter, County Central Point of Coordination Administrator, met with the Board this date to request approval and a Chairman's signature on an agreement with New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, Minnesota.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve an agreement with New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, Minnesota to provide inpatient primary care for court referred clients from Sioux County for \$3,500.00 including transportation of clients to treatment if the court system so desires. Carried, unanimous in favor.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

Loren Bouma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor