

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Mark Sybesma, Dennis Wright, Al Bloemendaal and Arlyn Kleinwolterink.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2018, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Claims were approved for November 27, 2018 as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - **All Supervisors** – Attended the Library Association meeting on November 26.
 - **Kleinwolterink** – Attended a Wellness Committee meeting and reported that employees completed enough wellness activities to earn the County a 5% reduction in health insurance premiums for FY2020.
 - **Bloemendaal**– Reported that Hugh Lively, CEO of RIDES, is concerned about the status of the sheltered workshops program through Hope Haven, which would affect the amount of people the drivers would have to transport.
 - **Wright**– 1) Attended the Rock Valley Industrial yearly meeting on November 19. There were only 5 to 6 new homes constructed in Rock Valley in the past year and have roughly 70 lots open. 2) Reported on the YES Board meeting from November 16, in which Carl Vande Weerd attended in Wright's place. There were 3 Sioux County people housed recently, the audit of the agency was good, property insurance premiums will decrease roughly 18%, and are looking into purchasing new vehicles that are currently at a discounted rate, which would replace vehicles with high miles and have had many repairs. 3) Reported on the ISAC Board meeting. Approved \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to children of county employees in each district. A contingency plan was approved in the event that the ISAC Executive Director cannot fulfill his job functions. Reminded the Board that the new officers school is open for registration. 4) Reported that he will be attending an ISAC Supervisors meeting on Thursday to plan for the spring conference and have been working on a Certified Supervisor program.
 - **Bloemendaal & Sybesma** – Reported on the Airport Board meeting from November 26. There are some projects that still need to be completed, but planes are getting moved in currently. The Orange City Airport will be open until January, when the approaches are published for the new airport. The Airport Board is very happy will all of the contractors that have worked on the project. Appraisals of the Orange City and Sioux Center airports will be done soon.
- 5) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Presented 3 permit agreements, 1) Southern Sioux Rural Water System to place a water line crossing B40 in Sections 33 of Garfield Township and Section 4 of Eagle Township, 2) Rural Water System #1, to place a 16" pipe with a 20" poly pipe encasement in Sections 33 to 34 of Garfield Township, 4) Rural Water System #1, to place a 16" pipe in Sections 28 to 33 of Garfield Township. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Updated the Board on Secondary Road work, including sign repair and dirt work to repair bridge damage due to flooding.
 - Distributed the 2018 Secondary Road Fund Report to the Board for information.
- 6) Jack Reed with Iowa Negotiating & Consulting Services distributed a document for options to consider in the conversion of the Secondary Road union contract. The Secondary Road union voted to disband the union in October. The three options are as follows: 1) create a memorandum of understanding (MOU), 2) conversion to the employee handbook, 3) combination of a memorandum of understanding and employee handbook. Reed indicated that the MOU would be the easiest way to proceed. The Board will take action on one of the three options at the December 4, 2018 meeting.
- 7) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,
- Reviewed the information he distributed to the Board about the Fine Collections position, which the Board will take action on at the December 4, 2018 meeting.
 - Reported that Judge Dull who is the District Associate Judge for Sioux and Plymouth counties, is retiring November 30. There were 9 applicants to replace him and a committee reduced that number to 3. One of those three applicants will be chosen as Dull's replacement on November 30.
- 8) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(C) to discuss litigation strategy with counsel. Roll Call on Vote, Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; Sybesma, Yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to go end the closed session and return to the open meeting. Roll Call on Vote, Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; Sybesma, Yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- 10) Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve a settlement for Brian Gradert's claim against the County. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor