

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Al Bloemendaal, Jerry Muilenburg, and Mark Sybesma. Supervisor Carl Vande Weerd was absent for this meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2019 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Claims were approved for November 26, 2019 as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Dick Sievers, CEO Mid-Sioux Opportunity provided an update on the agency. Sievers described the different funding streams the agency receives and the services they provide to Sioux County and surrounding counties. A funding request totaling \$16,500 was made for FY21. The Board took no action on the request at this time. Supervisor Bloemendaal commended Sievers on his work as well as the staff for the agency.
- 5) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, reported on a sexual abuse trial that recently took place. The defendant waived their right to a jury trial and instead had a bench trial. The judge will issue the ruling on the case in the next 30 days.
- 6) Howard Hulshof, reported on behalf of the Sioux County Soil and Water Conservation District. Hulshof informed the Board of the work being done as well as made a funding request for FY21 for \$7,040, which would go to basic education needs. The Board took no action on this funding request at this time.
- 7) Jessie Huitink, Program Director for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs of Greater Siouxland, updated the Board on the work being done at the agency. The program is growing and the requirement for the number of volunteer hours changed from a minimum of 15 hours to 5 hours/week. Work on recruiting new foster grandparents continues. The Senior Companion program has recently expanded into Nebraska and South Dakota to cover the Sioux City area. Huitink made a funding request of \$10,000 for FY21. The Board took no action on the request at this time.
- 8) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
  - Requested Board approval of the STBG-SWAP-C084(164)—F6-84 Surface Transportation Block Grant Agreement, for work on K30, from highway 18 south 5 miles. Motion by Degen and supported by Muilenburg to approve the signing of the agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Requested Board approval of the 2019 Weed Commissioner Report and the 2020 Weed Commissioner Certificate. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the report and certificate. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Crews are preparing equipment for the upcoming snow events this week.
  - December 3 is the date the auction closes for selling 3 trucks on Purple Wave.
- 9) Committee Reports:

- **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended a recent Safety Committee meeting. 2) Reported on the Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment meeting. Three permits were approved, a truck wash near Hospers, pending DNR approval of waste water going into the Hospers sewer system, an electric sign for Te Slaa trucking at the intersection of highway 18 and 75, and storage tanks for Rural Water near tower fields in Sioux Center.
- **Degen** – Reported on a discussion to place signs around the courthouse grounds to direct people to the west entrance for handicap accessibility.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Reported on the Mid-Sioux meeting from November 20, 2) attended a RIDES meeting on November 21, and attended a Northwest Iowa Planning meeting. There is \$270,000 available for trails in the 9-county area.

10) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor