

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2020

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were John Degen, Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 2020, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - **Bloemendaal** – Attended a banquet recognizing Dick Sievers, CEO of MidSioux Opportunity, as employer of the year for the City of Remsen.
 - **Bloemendaal, Degen, Muilenburg, & Vande Weerd** – Attended the Northwest Iowa Development luncheon with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Michael Naig present, who discussed the international changes, challenges, and opportunities in the current global environment with a business and agricultural perspective.
- 4) Chairman Muilenburg began the discussion on the County Medical Examiner Fee. County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, reported that in a short survey of counties in Iowa, the fee ranges from \$150 to \$640. Sioux County's rate is \$225. The discussion was tabled until the January 14, 2020 Board meeting to do further research.
- 5) Chairman Muilenburg began the discussion on setting rates for the County health insurance plan. County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, submitted the following figures for Board consideration: County contribution on the premium: family plan, \$1,131/month and a single plan, \$555/month. Employee contributions on the premium: family plan, \$290/month and a single plan, \$77/month. This represents an approximate 6% decrease in cost. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the aforementioned rates. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, presented budget projections for the county budget, as well as reviewed the following departmental budgets: Board of Supervisors, Auditor, General Services, and non-departmental budgets.
- 7) Economic Directors from Rock Valley (David Miller), Hull (Jim Collins) and Hawarden (Larry Cope), on behalf of Northwest Iowa Development, requested funding for membership dues totaling \$33,310 for FY21. The proposal would be for Sioux County to cover the membership dues on behalf of the cities, so that the cities could use the funds for development purposes, rather than dues. The formation of the counties in the Region are now Sioux, O'Brien, Osceola, and Lyon. Miller also distributed the 2019 Annual Report. Collins thanked the Board for their participation in the events Northwest Iowa Development puts on and the support from the Board. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 8) Jessica Kooiker, Sioux County Recorder, reviewed the budget request for the FY21 Recorder budget.
- 9) Randy Jacobsma, Sioux County Treasurer, reviewed the budget request for the FY21 Treasurer budget.

10) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor