

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal and Mark Sybesma. John Degen was absent.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2020 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the claims as submitted by the County Auditor for September 1, 2020. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 4) As this was the date and time for a public hearing on a county budget amendment, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Auditor, Ryan Dokter explained the amendment is needed to account for the refunding of the GO Bond for the road, public health FEMA funding due to COVID-19, agency contributions to Elderbridge Agency on Aging and the City of Rock Valley (FY20 contributions were not paid), county farm expenses, and the attorney case management software. No written or oral comments were received from the public. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the amendment and the proposed resolution adopting the amendment. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried 4 Yes, one member absent.

RESOLUTION 2020-43
Approval of FY 2020/2021 Budget Amendment #1

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2020/2021 county budget amendment, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget amendment #1 was held on September 1, 2020,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County that the county budget amendment #1 for FY 2020/2021, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Sioux County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2020/2021 county budget amendment #1.

Signed and dated this 1st day of September, 2020.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

- 5) Ryan Dokter Sioux County Auditor,
 - Presented a resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 government relief fund. Dokter explained that Sioux County was allocated

approximately \$441,000 from the relief fund and that 25% of public safety payroll costs incurred between March 1 and July 31 are eligible for reimbursement. Dokter also explained that there will be two more submissions to recoup public safety payroll costs for the August through September timeframe and October through December. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call on vote: Vande Weerd, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Sybesma, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried 4 Yes, one member absent.

2020-42

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19
GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND**

A resolution by Sioux County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Sioux County requests reimbursement of up to \$210,398.77 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sioux County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

HEREBY RESOLVED but the Board of Supervisors for Sioux County on this 1st day of September, 2020.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attested: /s/Ryan Dokter, County Auditor

- Requested Board consideration of raising the precinct election official wages from \$10 to \$11 an hour. Dokter reported that the Board changed the wages last in 2016 from \$9 to \$10 an hour. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to increase the precinct election official wages from \$10 to \$11 an hour. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Requested Board approval of an update to the Courthouse Security Plan. Dokter reported that the Courthouse Security Committee recommended an update to the plan due to the repeal of the dangerous weapons policy in the courthouse. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the updated plan. Motion carried, one member absent.

- 6) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve a letter to the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund for a financial pledge of \$14,547. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 7) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Sybesma to approve a lease agreement between Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Disabilities Services and Sioux County for 4 vehicles that are registered and titled in Sioux County for the Mental Health Region. This lease agreement is to identify that the Mental Health Region will insure the 4 vehicles. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 8) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer Annual Financial Report which covers July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The Board received the report for information.
- 9) Committee Reports:
 - **Sybesma & Vande Weerd** – Reported on the August 25 Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting. The vehicle lease agreement was approved, job descriptions were approved, and discussion on how the roughly \$970,000 in COVID-19 relief funding would be spent.
 - **Vande Weerd, Muilenburg, Bloemendaal** – Attended the Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation awards banquet at the Triple Box.
 - **Vande Weerd** – Reported the YES Board meeting in Cherokee. Sioux County had roughly \$9,000 of use in the facility. The agency continues to test patients before entering facility and is very careful with any transports that are done to ensure COVID-19 is not spread.
 - **Bloemendaal** – 1) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Planning meeting held via Zoom. DOT projects had \$100 million shortfall, which has caused some projects to get pushed back to a later date. 2) Reported on the RIDES meeting held via Zoom. The agency is just starting to get back to normal and resuming transportation services.
 - **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the Courthouse Security Committee meeting. The committee completed and submitted the annual courthouse security report for the state court administration. 2) Attended the Safety Committee meeting on August 26.
- 10) Joel Sikkema, Assistant to the Sioux County Engineer, reported that work continues on the 28E agreement between the City of Orange City and Sioux County. Initial estimates of the Jay Avenue project for the MOC-Floyd Valley School are an approximate net cost of \$1.2 million. The cost of the north half of the road will be split between the city and county and the south half will be county responsibility. The 28E has not been finalized yet.
- 11) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Presented two permit agreements for Board consideration 1) Premier Communications to move a communications pedestal in section 35 of Floyd Township, and 2) Premier Communications for fiber upgrades in sections 3 and 4 of Sheridan Township. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve both permit agreements. Motion carried, one member absent.
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities and the status of the construction projects across the county.

12) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. until Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor