

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Mark Sybesma, and John Degen.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2020 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the claims as submitted by the County Auditor for September 29, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,
 - Requested Board approval to appoint Beverly Clark to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Clark is an employee of the Attorney's Office. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Sybesma to approve the appointment of Beverly Clark to the Civil Service Commission to fill a vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Reported that the number of inmates in the jail has been up over the last month.
 - Informed the Board that his office is gearing up for the law enforcement training taking place in October at the Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City.
 - Reported that an OWI trial is scheduled for the 3rd week of October and that a murder trial is set for mid-November.
 - Informed the Board that he has been working with County Treasurer, Dan Zomermaand, on a small parcel the county owns in Hawarden and would propose the county sell this parcel in the future.
- 5) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor,
 - Requested Board approval of the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY2019-2020. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Requested Board approval of an amended resolution for the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. Dokter explained that in working with the project manager for this application, that the County could claim more in reimbursement than what the original application requested. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2020-44

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

On September 1, 2020, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors passed 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. Resolution 2020-42 requested reimbursement of \$210,398.77 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Resolution 2020-42 is hereby fully incorporated herein.

WHEREAS, it was determined that the documentation provided to the Coronavirus Relief Fund was sufficient to validate \$296,182.40 of expenses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESEOLVED, Sioux County repeals its request for reimbursement of \$210,398.77 from September 1, 2020, but the remainder of Resolution 2020-42 remains in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Sioux County requests a revised reimbursement not to exceed 296,182.40 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency for the period of March through December 2020. The total amount allocated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Sioux County is \$441,891.94.

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.

It is HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Sioux County on this 29th day of September, 2020.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attested: /s/Ryan Dokter, County Auditor

- Requested Board approval of a resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund for the time period of August through September 2020. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2020-45

**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 December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources. The total amount allocated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Sioux County is \$441,891.94.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Sioux County requests reimbursement not to exceed \$118,472.96 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 29th day of September, 2020.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attested: /s/Ryan Dokter, County Auditor

- 6) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, requested Board approval of a tax abatement resolution. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-46
SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Date: September 29, 2020
ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Whereas, The Sioux County Board of Supervisors have concluded that the following parcels have no merit in collecting taxes and move that the taxes be abated based on reasons noted:

Owner	Parcel	Payable Year	Original Tax	Current Tax	Reason
Sioux Center - 130 Reisma, Lance Jason	SU1457E & 1032377911	2005-06	\$43.00	\$7136.00	Mobile Home/garage have no value. Owner deceased, amount deemed uncollectable.
		2006-07	\$90.00		
		2007-08	\$90.00		
		2008-09	\$96.00		
		2009-10	\$84.00		
		2010-11	\$92.00		
		2011-12	\$108.00		
		2012-13	\$110.00		
		2013-14	\$124.00		
		2014-15	\$134.00		
		2015-16	\$142.00		
		2016-17	\$80.00		
		2017-18	\$82.00		
2018-19	\$76.00				
2019-20	\$82.00				
2020-21	\$78.00				

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County has the authority to abate taxes based on The Iowa Code. [Sec.445.63]

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors can also abate taxes when the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue the collection of taxes through the tax sale or personal judgment remedies.

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due, and direct the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system. Iowa Code [Sec. 445.16]

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Sioux County Board of Supervisors as follows:

The Board of Supervisors has decided that these taxes cannot be collected and direct the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on each parcel noted above.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, on September 29, 2020.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

7) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Presented two permit agreements for Board consideration, one from the City of Sioux Center for a road crossing for a water line in section 5 of West Branch Township, and one from Southern Sioux Rural Water for a road crossing for a water line in section 36 of Eagle Township and section 31 of Center Township. Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the permit agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Requested Board approval of the Certificate of Completion of Work and Final Acceptance for project LFM-1-2019--7X-84. Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the document as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Joel Sikkema, Assistant to the County Engineer, updated the Board on the 28E that includes the MOC-Floyd Valley School District and the City of Orange City. Sikkema proposed that the Board approve the 28E contingent upon the review of the agreement by the County Engineer. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the 28E agreement with the MOC-Floyd Valley School District and the City of Orange City contingent upon the review of the County Engineer for the Jay Avenue project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Reported that there is a build grant program through the Iowa DOT which has \$25 million in funding for bridges. Each county can submit a bridge project for consideration. Sioux County will submit the single lane bridge on B30. Julius also stated that the county would incur grant writing expense and the amount required is dependent upon how many counties are included on the grant. The grant writing expense is anticipated to be around \$100,000.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.

8) Committee Reports:

- **Degen** – Reported on an event he attended at the Nature Center and reported that County IT Director, Micah Van Maanen did a really nice job of presenting.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Reported on the Sioux County Trails meeting held on September 15. The committee would like to begin applying for grant funding for a trail that would connect Orange City and Sioux Center. The committee also needs to get County Board approval for the trail to run in County ground. 2) Attended a RIDES meeting on September 17 and reported that the agency is operating again. 3) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Planning meeting also from September 17. The Iowa DOT will have a public meeting in Dubuque and also reported that Northwest Iowa Planning is offering training for zoning and board of adjustment.
- **Muilenburg** – Reported on Northwest Iowa Workforce Development meeting and that the new name for the agency will be Northwest Iowa Workforce Development Area and gave general updates for the agency.

- 9) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10129 a.m. until Monday, October 12, 2020.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor