

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 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, John Degen, and Mark Sybesma-via Zoom.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2020 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Howard Hulshof, Chairman of the Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation District provided an update on agency activities and made a funding request for FY22 totaling \$6,941. The Board took no action on the funding request at this time.
- 4) Marissa Maassen, on behalf of the Maurice Book Bank, discussed how the Book Bank got started and reported on many of the activities the Book Bank offers. The Book Bank is a library as well as an interactive children's museum. Maassen requested funding for FY22 similar to how the other county libraries are funded. The Board took no action on the funding request at this time.
- 5) Mike Hofman, Executive Director for the Orange City Chamber of Commerce updated the Board on information from Western Iowa Tourism and requested funding of \$500 for FY22. The Board took no action on the request at this time.
- 6) Members of the Sioux County Library Association were present to request the same funding for FY22 as was approved for FY21, which totaled \$263,190 that includes \$2,500 for the One Book, One Sioux County program. Members reported that costs for their libraries have increased due to COVID-19 to maintain a sanitary environment for patrons. Lisa Johnson, The Orange City Library Director read a letter in support of public libraries and the high return on investment from contributions to the local libraries. The Board took no action on the request at this time.
- 7) Shelly Sindt, CEO of Elderbridge, updated the Board on agency activities and the impact COVID-19 has had on those the agency serves. The agency requested \$18,780 for FY22. The Board took no action on the request at this time.
- 8) Committee Reports:
 - **Vande Weerd**– 1) Reported that the City of Rock Valley was impressed by the response from the Sioux County Sheriff's office on a recent bomb threat at the Rock Valley School. 2) Attended a Sioux Rivers governmental meeting on December 9 and work is being done to locate a facility within the Region for an access center. Vande Weerd also reported that Emmet County will be joining the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region July 1, 2021.
 - **Sybesma** – Reported on the Housing Trust meeting and expects that in early January the down payment assistance program will get started. The agency is looking into providing agency awards for unspent funds.
 - **Muilenburg** – Reported on the recent Landfill meeting. The agency approved their budget as well as a 5-year capital improvement plan. The landfill rates will remain unchanged in the next year.

- **Degen** – Updated the Board on the courthouse elevator update which will take place in the coming weeks and reported that work will be done on the courtroom lighting.

9) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,

- Reported on a meeting last week at the Orange City Area Health System in regards to a sexual response team. A new sexual assault advocate was recently hired and is working towards having nurses trained specifically for sexual assault cases.
- Updated the Board on the migration to a new case management software that his office uses.
- Informed the Board that he is researching an issue brought forth by Supervisor Vande Weerd to enact an environmental health program for rental properties and what authority the County may have. The cities of Hull, Hawarden, and Rock Valley would like to work cooperatively on having an employee who does inspections of rental properties.
- Reported on research being done on governmental funding to private non-profit entities which was brought forth by the request for funding for the Maurice Book Bank.

10) Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to approve Sean Kosters and Courtney McKee as Jailer and Dispatcher in the Sioux County Public Safety Center. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, requested Board input on requested changes to the Nuisance Ordinance. The intent of the proposed changes is to give some authority to the County in order to mitigate issues with rental properties in the county and encourage landlords to be responsible. Cities who do not have an ordinance to address this issue may choose to adopt the county's ordinance. The County Attorney will provide the procedure for amending the nuisance ordinance.

12) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, presented health insurance rates for FY22. The single premium is increasing \$4/month from \$632 to \$636, and the family premium is increasing \$9/month from \$1,421 to \$1,430. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to keep the employee contributions the same from FY21 to FY22, which are \$77/month for the single plan and \$290/month for the family plan, and the County will pay the increase to premiums. Motion carried unanimously. The Board requested that Auditor Dokter communicate to the department heads that employees should expect to contribute to future increases of health insurance premiums.

13) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board signatures on the Title Sheet for project numbers: DIV. I – STBG-SWAP-CO84(167)—FG-84; DIV II – FM-CO84(166)—55-84; DIV. III – LFM-169—7X-84; DIV IV – L-168—73-84.
- Reported that a request was made that the County vacate a portion of 385th Street near Hospers by Corey and Billie Diekevers. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to proceed with vacating a portion of that road provided that the Diekever's attorney prepare the paperwork for completing this vacation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to have the Chairman sign the Certificate of Completion of Work and Final Acceptance of project LFM(162)—7X-84. Motion carried unanimously.

- Updated the Board on secondary road activities which include blading and stockpiling gravel.
- Reported that the bridge bundling project has started near Hospers.

14) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor