

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

- 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, Al Bloemendaal, Mark Sybesma, John Degen, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2021 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the claims for February 23, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) As this was the date, February 23, 2021, and time, 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing regarding a sale of County property, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, displayed a map of the area of the County property located in Hawarden. Sioux County Treasurer, Dan Zomermaand discussed the need to transfer ownership. No written or oral comments were received from the public. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the following resolution. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11**  
**SALE OF COUNTY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, Sioux County has an interest in certain real property legally described as follows:

The North Fourteen feet (N14') of the West Forty-Five feet (W45') of Lot Three (3), Block Six (6) Bellevue Second Addition, Hawarden Iowa.

**WHEREAS**, Sioux County is desirous of disposing of its interest in the above legally described property by transferring ownership to Rigoberto Arce Diaz and Myriam Anahi Becerra Diaz, all its right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the above described real estate.

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of disposing of the County's interest in the real property as required by Iowa Code Section 331.361; has held a public hearing on the proposed property sale in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; has published notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the proposed property sale; and has solicited public comment and input on the proposed property sale prior to finally acting on such proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, after a public hearing on the matter, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors resolves to transfer any ownership it may have to Rigoberto Arce Diaz and Myriam Anahi Becerra Diaz, all its right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the above described real estate in Sioux County, Iowa.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23rd day of February, 2021.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor

- 5) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the quit claim deed regarding the County property being sold. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) As this was the date, February 23, 2021, and time, 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing regarding the maximum property tax dollars for FY22, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, reported that the general fund tax dollars levied will remain unchanged from FY21 and the rural fund tax levy is being reduced as the local option sales tax has kept the rural fund balance very healthy. No written or oral comments were received from the public. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the following resolution. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2021-12**  
**Approval of FY 2021/2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars**

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY2021/2022 county maximum property tax dollars for both the General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county website and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on February 23, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY2021/2022 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services-\$7,049,925  
Rural County Services-\$2,116,442

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY2021/2022 does not represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2020/2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Bloemendaal	YEA
Degen	YEA
Muilenburg	YEA
Sybesma	YEA
Vande Weerd	YEA

Signed and dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor

- 7) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the following resolution approving the Compensation Board's recommendation for elected official's salaries for FY2022. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2021-13**

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Compensation Board met on November 16, 2020, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$78,195	3.0%	\$80,541
County Attorney	\$128,010	3.0%	\$131,850
Recorder	\$76,011	3.0%	\$78,291
Sheriff	\$100,403	3.0%	\$103,415
Supervisors	\$37,931	3.0%	\$39,069
Treasurer	\$76,011	3.0%	\$78,291

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sioux County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$80,541	3.0%
County Attorney	\$131,850	3.0%
Recorder	\$78,291	3.0%
Sheriff	\$103,415	3.0%
Supervisors	\$39,069	3.0%
Treasurer	\$78,291	3.0%

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2021.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Board Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor

- 8) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to set the public hearing for the county budget for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the following: Theresa Kingma as Township Trustee for Washington Township, Toshia Moffatt as Township Clerk for Eagle Township, and Todd Rowenhorst as Township Trustee for Holland Township. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve Malori Hill as a part-time Dispatcher in the Communications Department.
- 11) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the Certificate of Proceedings and the Special Warranty Deed regarding the vacation of a County road from the February 9, 2021 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12) Committee Reports:

- **Sybesma**– Reported on the SRFDC meeting. There is a formula used to calculate funding for infrastructure that accounts for gas tax revenue and vehicle registrations on a 5-year average. The year 2020 may be excluded in that formula due to COVID causing less travel.
- **Degen** – Reported that the damage to the walls in the IT office was worse than anticipated and further restoration was needed.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Planning meeting from February 18 via Zoom. The agency had a favorable audit report and the federal program had no deficiencies. 2) Reported on the RIDES meeting via Zoom on February 18. The agency will be receiving approximately \$958,000 in COVID funding.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported that some County corn was sold and received approximately \$18,800 for the corn. 2) Reported on a Farm Bureau meeting via Microsoft Teams. 3) Attended a Safety Committee meeting and reported no claims. 4) Reported on the Northwest Iowa Workforce Development meeting held via Zoom. Officers were elected for the next year and will bid out the one stop operator service next month. 5) Reported on the Zoning meeting from February 18.
- **Bloemendaal & Muilenburg** – Reported on the Airport Board meeting from February 15. The agency authorized the bidding process for the expansion of the snow removal equipment building and will be advertised March 8 and the bid award date will be April 9. The estimate of cost is \$165,000. Reported that private donations were pledged in the amount of \$800,000 for the MALSAR system and other amenities for the facilities and all of the pledges have been fulfilled.

13) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant Engineer, informed the Board about the process to abate the asbestos in the County home. The first step is to get bids for the inspection of the County home, which was sent out recently and the bids are due by March 19. The contract for the inspection is planned to be awarded at the March 23 Board meeting.

14) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval for a gravel crushing contract with Keith Hagedorn Construction for \$2.55/ton in Chatsworth. Approximately 75,000 ton will be crushed. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.
- Distributed a letter from Center Fresh Egg Group requesting County participation in paving a portion of 410<sup>th</sup> Street to help in the flow of traffic on Garfield Avenue. Center Fresh Egg has a large expansion of their facilities planned and truck traffic will increase as a result. The Board was open to some sort of a cost share.
- Requested Board approval regarding a purchase of a new wheel loader. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to proceed with the purchase.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities including snow removal and gravel stockpiling.
- Updated the Board on the status of the bridge bundling project at Hospers and Fairview.
- Informed the Board about delays and receiving new tandem trucks after the order has been placed and in order to speed the process asked for approval for a new tandem truck and will provide details of the new tandem truck to the Board in the upcoming days. The Board was agreeable to that plan.

15) Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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