

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 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 April 6, 2021 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, reviewed the updated Sioux County Investment Policy, which had not been updated in a number of years. The policy needed to be brought into compliance with section 12B of Code of Iowa.
- 4) Jessica Kooiker, Sioux County Recorder, distributed the Recorder Quarterly Report for January 2021 through March 31, 2021. The Board received the report for information.
- 5) Brian Van Engen, on behalf of the Sioux County Trails committee, did a presentation on a proposed trail connecting Sandy Hollow to Orange City. The primary reasons for this proposed trail are for safety of citizens biking/walking, recreation and quality of life, and economic development.

The proposed trail has three phases and the first is to obtain easement along the 80 acres of County property. The trail needs to have 20 feet of easement the length of the trail. The proposed route is along public right-of-way, land adjacent to rights-of-way, and along waterways.

Ownership and maintenance of the trail is based on a model from other counties in the state where it is a partnership of the county and cities, with the Trails Committee working in an advisory capacity.

Funding for the trail is a combination from the county, cities, federal and state grants, private grants, and private donations.

The specific requests from the Sioux County Trails committee are as follows:

- Allow trail to cross County property near Orange City.
- Hold easements for trail property in the County's name, which provides for uniformity for trails outside of city limits and also provides for immunity as allowed by the Code of Iowa regarding any injuries sustained on the trail.
- Provide right-of-way for trails that are along any roadways.
- Maintain trail through the County Conservation Board which includes mowing, spraying, and seeding. Larger repairs and maintenance could be funding from cities potentially.
- Provide funding for trails and maintenance which spreads the costs of an amenity that benefits the whole county to all users.

Action steps: The County Engineer's Office will review the phase 1 route, and the County Attorney will look into the legal process for easements. The Board will review the requests at

a future meeting after receiving more information from the County Engineer and County Attorney.

- 6) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, reported on the Winterfeld trial held recently which concluded with a conviction for second degree murder. The sentencing will take place in late May.
- 7) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant Engineer,
 - Submitted the following permit applications for Board consideration, 1) Northwest REC for utility service to a new acreage located in Section 7 of Sioux Township. 2) Premier Communications to bury fiber optic cable in Section 17 of Rock Township and Section 34 of Capel Township. 3) Southern Sioux Rural Water to place water line in Sections 29 and 30 of Sherman Township. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the permit applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Updated the Board on the Jay Avenue project and the K22 and K30 paving projects.
 - Reported that the asbestos inspection of the county home is set for the week of May 3 and requested Board approval of the contract from ATC Group, subject to review of the contract by the County Engineer. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the contract subject to review by the County Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Reported that the following activities are happening on secondary roads: culvert extension near Alton, work on two timber bridges near Ireton, graveling, blading, and ditch cleaning.
- 8) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for April 20, 2021, as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Chairman Muilenburg introduced the topic of appointing a Temporary Redistricting Commission. The Sioux County Democratic Party appointed Kim Jongerius as their appointee to the Commission. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to appoint Jerry Muilenburg and Carl Vande Weerd to the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Committee Reports:

- **Degen** – 1) Reported on the Conservation Board meeting from April 7. The department is gearing up for the season, determining fees structure for rentals, and has acquired some new equipment recently. 2) Reported that Renodry completed the installation of the units to address the rising damp condition in the courthouse foundation.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the recent Landfill meeting. A new 75' x 13' truck scale will be installed. 2) Attended a recent Planning/Zoning and Board of Adjustment meeting where three new dog kennels were approved.
- **Vande Weerd** – Reported on the recent Advisory Board meeting at the Creative Living Center. Core services may be affected with the loss of block grants from the Sioux Rivers Region. A Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting is scheduled for April 29 and more information will be available regarding the access center.
- **Bloemendaal** – Was unable to attend the recent RIDES meeting but reported that the agency will construct a new building in Dickinson County for vehicles.

- **Degen & Muilenburg** – Reported on the Security Committee meeting from April 13. The Security Committee is forming proposals for the Board for additional security measures in the courthouse.
- **Bloemendaal & Muilenburg** – Reported on the recent Airport Board meeting. The agency applied for funding to expand their maintenance building. DGR estimated the cost of the expansion to be between \$160,000 and \$170,000. One bid was received for approximately \$269,000, which the agency declined. The agency approved a bid for an apron extension due to the construction of a new hangar on the south side of the airport. Hulstein Excavating was awarded the contract.

11) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor