

## **MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **MEETING HELD ON JULY 27, 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 July 14, 2021 were submitted, motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the claims for July 27, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,
  - Reported on the opioid litigation that the County is participating in. A tentative settlement has been reached, and each state has 30 days to opt-in to approve the settlement. If enough states agree, then the localities will have a time frame in which to approve the settlement. The agreement contains provisions for the use of funds; the main use is for the abatement of the opioid crisis. The pay out of funds will be determined by population and the availability of the funding could arrive as early as April of 2022.
  - Reviewed and submitted the County Attorney Collections Report for FY2021 for Board information.
  - Discussed the Sioux County Trails Committee request for the County to be the holder of the trail easements with land owners. The Board has had some reluctance to be the holder, so Kunstle researched how the current trail easements are being held. Part of the Sandy Hollow trail is recorded as a land lease to the City of Sioux Center. Kunstle will inquire with the City of Orange City about holding a lease for the portion of the proposed trail from Orange City to Sandy Hollow.
- 5) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, submitted the FY 2021 Treasurer's Annual Report for Board information.
- 6) Dennis Dokter and Darryl Ten Pas on behalf of the City of Sioux Center, discussed the dome project the City is pursuing. The City intends to apply for a Vision Iowa CAT grant from the State to aid in financing the project. The use of the dome will be an approximate 50/50 split between the City and Dordt University. Dokter requested that the Board consider supporting the project financially as this project will be good for the City, County, and will aid in their effort in obtaining the CAT grant. Chairman Muilenburg requested that the Board make a decision on the request at the August 10 Board meeting.
- 7) Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff,
  - Reported that their exterior freezer needs to be replaced and are planning to install a new one in some unused space that abuts to the kitchen of the jail. There are some safety concerns as staff leaving the building repeatedly may slip and fall in icy conditions. The costs of the project will mostly be covered by the commissary fund.
  - Distributed the Sheriff Quarterly Revenue Report for April 1 through June 30, 2021. The Board received the report for information.

- Reported that the two open deputy positions have been filled.
- 8) Ross Simmelink, Sioux County Assessor, requested that the Board deny the homestead tax credit application on parcel 2311426001. The reason for the denial is from Iowa Administrative Code 701-80.1(2): A remainder is not eligible to receive a homestead credit until expiration of the life estate to which such person has the remainder interest. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to deny the homestead tax credit application. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the following liquor license renewal applications: Rock Valley Golf Club located at 701 Golf Course Road, Rock Valley, IA 51247 and Rock Valley Gun Club located at 2378 310<sup>th</sup> St, Rock Valley, IA 51247. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
- Requested that the Board reject all bids for culvert project L-2-2019—73-84 for twin 128” x 83” culvert, structural plate pipe arch and re-bid at a later date due to a discrepancy in the low bid. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to reject all bids and re-bid at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Requested Board approval for a gravel crushing contract with Hagedorn Construction at the Boerhave Pit. Pricing is \$4.50/ton for 25,000 tons at a total price of \$112,500. Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Updated the Board on secondary road activities as well as the status of construction projects in the county.
- 11) Committee Reports:
- **Degen & Muilenburg** – Inspected sidewalks and other concrete around the courthouse and will pursue bids on replacement of the problem areas.
  - **Degen** – 1) Reported that communications tower is complete, but are waiting for fiber optic cables to be installed from the tower to the Public Safety Center. 2) Reported that emergency management was awarded the EMPG grant for roughly \$29,000.
  - **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended the monthly Safety Committee meeting. 2) Attended the wellness picnic.
  - **Bloemendaal** – Attended the Northwest Iowa Planning meeting in Spencer on July 14. The agency approved the transportation improvement plan for 2022-2025.
- 12) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. until Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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