

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 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 August 24, 2021 were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for September 7, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director, reported that the recent equipment auction concluded and a little over \$3,000 was earned. Reported that another equipment auction will begin at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7 and will conclude at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 21.
- 5) Chairman Muilenburg introduced the agenda item regarding the Annual Urban Renewal Report. Sioux County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, reviewed the report with the Board. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, reviewed the requirements from the Sioux County Zoning Ordinance a commercial company would need to address prior to getting approval from the Board of Adjustment to construct wind turbines. Supervisor Vande Weerd reported a number of calls from residents about a company contacting them regarding wind turbines. The Board Chairman requested an agenda item be placed on the September 21 meeting agenda for further discussion and action regarding a potential moratorium on any new wind turbine construction to allow for review of the Zoning Ordinance regarding wind turbines.
- 7) Tim Zeutenhorst, Certified Insurance Counselor with Van Engelenhoven Agency, reviewed the premiums for the ICAP property insurance and the IMWCA work comp insurance. The property insurance premiums are seeing increases due to the derecho storm that hit Iowa in 2020, law enforcement liability, and cybersecurity threats. Sioux County saw about a 4% increase from the previous year. The work comp insurance premium continues to be very low and Sioux County is a model county in the state of Iowa in terms of safety in the workplace. The Board accepted the report for information.
- 8) Committee Reports:
 - **Vande Weerd** – Reported that he attended two Zoom NACO committee meetings regarding the Rural Action Caucus and a Mental Health meeting.
 - **Bloemendaal** – Reported on the recent Mid-Sioux meeting. The agency experienced additional funding in every department due to COVID-19. The agency fared well during the pandemic and has maintained their staffing.
 - **Sybesma** – Reported on the recent Third Judicial meeting and provided several statistics regarding probation, work release, OWI, sex abuse, and parole.

- **Muilenburg & Vande Weerd** – Reported on the ISAC Annual Conference and discussed the sessions on American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding, and media coverage.

9) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval of permit agreements from Southern Sioux Rural Water, Section 16 and 28 of Reading Township for a 12” water line, and the following road crossings to connect to the 12” water line: Section 28 to 21, Section 26 to 35, and Section 28 to 33, all in Reading Township. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the permit agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Requested the Chairman’s signature on the Certificate as to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance for the following projects: L-168—73-84 and LFM-169—7X-84. The Chairman signed both certificates.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
- Reported that an informational meeting is taking place at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 15 at the Terrace View Events Center in Sioux Center regarding the proposed Midwest Carbon Pipe Line project.
- Updated the Board on the bridge project near Fairview. The project will be completed in the next 7 to 10 days.

10) Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor