

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 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, John Degen, and Carl Vande Weerd. Mark Sybesma was absent.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on November 23, 2021 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 3) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, requested approval of a new Real Estate Clerk, Jenny Schoen, to his office. Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to approve Jenny Schoen. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 4) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for December 7, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 5) Supervisor Vande Weerd began the discussion of approving a beaver bounty policy for Sioux County. The policy is as follows:

Beaver will be accepted at the Oak Grove Park Ranger Station, 4051 Cherry Ave, Hawarden on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. effective December 13, 2021. Beaver(s) must be taken in Sioux County between the dates of November 6, 2021, and April 15, 2022, for fiscal year 2022. Trapper must have a valid Iowa Furbearer License. The Tail must be attached to the beaver(s) when presented for bounty. A bounty of \$35 will be paid per tail until a maximum of \$7,500 for the season has been paid. Trapper cannot be compensated by any other program.

Motion by Vande Weerd to approve the policy, support by Degen. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 6) Becky Erdmann, Executive Director of the Genesis House, reported that the agency was recently gifted a house for women who are ready to move on after going through their program. Erdmann also updated the Board on the services and the needs of the agency. The funding request for FY2023 was for \$5,000. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 7) Lorraine Egdorf, Director of the Boyden Library, spoke on behalf of the Sioux County Library Association for their FY2023 funding request. Present for this discussion were all of the library directors in the county. The Library Association updated the Board on the activities and needs of the libraries in the county and requested a 6% increase from FY2022. The total amount requested is \$278,981. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 8) Shari Kastein, CEO of Family Crisis Centers, updated the Board on statistics from the Family Crisis Center and made a funding request for FY2023 for \$20,000. Kastein also updated the Board on the Visitation Center project and to date, have raised \$410,000. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 9) Hugh Lively, CEO of RIDES, and Cindy Voss, COO of RIDES updated the Board on activities of the agency and made a funding request for FY2023 for \$8,000. The Board took no action on the funding request at this time.

- 10) Mike Hofman, Executive Director Orange City Chamber of Commerce, reported on tourism numbers from 2019 and 2020. Hofman requested funding for FY2023 for Western Iowa Tourism in the amount of \$500. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 11) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, discussed a proposal to add one full-time attorney and one full-time legal assistant. Kunstle reviewed data with the Board for surrounding counties and like-sized counties, which contained number of cases per attorney, budget comparison, and staffing levels. Kunstle stated the average OWI cases has doubled from 9 to 18 over the last year and as this continues, he fears employees will get burned out. The Board will take action on this request on December 14 when all Board members are present.
- 12) Kim Westerholm, Director of Community Health Services and Jackie Covey, Director of Operations and Finance Community Health Partners, reviewed their ARPA funding request regarding COVID-19 mitigation and funding for 2.5 FTE's for Community Health Workers/Resource Navigation. The COVID-19 mitigation request has been modified to a 3-year request for an estimated total of \$100,000. The Community Health Worker project is for 4.5 years at an estimated cost of \$113,000 per year. The focus of these bilingual workers is on low-income families/individuals and minorities, connecting them to services. Overall this project is a prevention effort so that the people being served do not end up in mental health crisis, legal system, or in the health care system. The Board will take action on this request at the December 14 meeting.
- 13) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, reported that a few months ago that a notice from the Iowa Economic Development Authority was received reporting that the Readi-Fuels project in Sioux County would no longer happen. Dokter presented a termination of contract from IEDA to the Board for consideration. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the termination of contract for Readi-Fuels-Iowa, LLC on contract number: 19-HQJP-021, effective November 19, 2021. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 14) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion regarding the voting precincts ordinance reading at the December 14 meeting. County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, informed the Board that Iowa Code 331.302(6)(b) allows the Board to suspend the second and third readings of ordinances and pass the ordinance at one meeting. Dokter further explained the requirement for publishing future notices and would need to send a notice to the papers by the end of the week for a second reading on December 21. This also allows the County to submit all of the necessary paperwork regarding the reprecincting process a week sooner and allows the county more time to meet the January 15, 2022 deadline. Motion by Vande Weerd to have one reading of the ordinance. The motion died for a lack of a support. The Board will have two readings of the ordinance, unless a decision is made on December 14 to waive the second reading.
- 15) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Requested Board approval of a Certificate as to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance for project BROSCHBP-C084(165)—NC-84. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the document. Motion carried, one member absent.
 - Distributed a loader replacement document to the Board for information.
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities.

- Reported that gravel crushing has been completed at the Chatsworth Pit. Approximately 100,000 tons were crushed. In the spring gravel crushing will begin at the Groth Pit.

16) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant Engineer,

- Reported that the asbestos abatement has been completed at the County Home and the follow up inspection has also been completed. The structure is now ready for demolition.
- Requested the Board sign certificates of appreciation for employees who have or will be retiring soon.

17) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** – Attended a recent Sioux Rivers Mental Health Meeting.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the recent Wellness meeting. County employee participation in the wellness program earned the county a 5% discount on health insurance premiums for FY2023. The wellness committee also awarded prizes to employees for their participation. 2) Reported on the Temporary Redistricting Commission public hearing from December 6. The Commission is submitting their recommended precinct plan to the Board.
- **Vande Weerd & Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the Supervisor District 3 meeting. Vande Weerd was elected President of District 3 Supervisors. There were 13 counties present for the meeting. The Midwest Carbon project was a topic of discussion and there is great concern about how this project may qualify for eminent domain. 2) Reported on the Sioux County ARPA Committee meeting from December 2. The committee will recommend the Board approve projects that are more urgent at the December 14 meeting.

18) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor