

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

### **MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2022**

- 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 January 3, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Marcie Bartmaan on behalf on the Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking reported that January is designated as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Bartmaan is hoping to raise awareness around this important issue and is working to get businesses educated on the signs of human trafficking as well as distribute posters for restrooms for those being trafficked to know how to get help. Bartmaan also discussed the educational resources available to people as well as the need to get hotels/motels educated and trained in this important area. The Board thanked her for her presentation and the work she does.
- 4) Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director,
  - Presented the 2021 Annual Report of the Sioux County IT Department.
  - Reviewed the FY2023 IT budget with the Board.
- 5) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, reviewed the following FY23 budgets with the Board: Board of Supervisors, Auditor, General Services, and miscellaneous expense and revenue budgets. Dokter is looking to replace the ballot reading machines for elections in early 2023 and the cost will be just under \$100,000 which can be paid out interest free over 3 fiscal years.
- 6) Rob Klocke, Sioux County Conservation Director,
  - Distributed the 2020/2021 Conservation Numbers report to the Board which details the programs and number of people who visit county parks.
  - Reviewed the FY23 Conservation Budget with the Board.
- 7) Nate Huizenga, Sioux County EMA Director/Chief Deputy, reviewed the FY23 ambulance budget and the requested county funding for the Joint Disaster Department for which entails \$35,872 and \$152,000. The EMA Board will be meeting soon to formalize their budget.
- 8) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,
  - Requested Board approval and signatures on HMA resurfacing projects and PCC overlay projects. The project numbers are as follows: LFM-175—7X-84, FM-C084(174)—55-84, STBG-SWAP-C084(173)—FG-84, and L-171—73-84. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve and sign the documents as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Reported that a contract for gravel crushing from Keith Hagedorn Construction was received for \$225/ton for 140,000 tons to be crushed at the Groth and Van Woudenberg Pits. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
  - Reported that a proposal to demolish the County Home is being worked on.

- 9) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the claims for January 11, 2022, as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, reviewed the FY23 Attorney Budget and the District Court Budget with the Board.
- 11) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion regarding a letter to be formed to send to the Iowa Utilities Board. The Board requested that the County Attorney to modify the letter Plymouth County sent and present it for Board approval at the January 18 meeting.
- 12) At 10:57 a.m., Supervisor Sybesma left the meeting.
- 13) A contest existed for the three official county newspapers and the number of subscribers for each newspaper are noted below:

<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Subscribers</u>
Sioux Center News	1,062
Siouxland Press	795
Capital-Democrat	777
Hawarden Independent/Examiner	Did not furnish a list

Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to appoint Sioux Center News, Siouxland Press, and Capital-Democrat as the three official county newspapers for 2022. Motion carried, one member absent.

- 14) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor,
  - Requested an adjustment to the wages paid to election workers. Currently, election workers are paid \$11/hour. Dokter is recommending that election workers be paid \$12/hour and for the precinct chairpersons, pay those workers \$15/hour as they have oversight duties of the precinct on election day, as well as pick and return all of the election equipment. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the election worker wages at \$12/hour and for precinct chairpersons, \$15/hour effective immediately. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Reported on the OSHA ETS. The State of Iowa believes it meets the minimum standards of the OSHA ETS therefore will not require employers over 100 employees to have their employees prove their vaccination status, nor wear masks. The Auditor's Office will continue to closely monitor the situation as the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Friday, January 7 regarding the OSHA ETS.

15) Committee Reports:

- **Degen** – Attended a recent Conservation Board meeting and John Brantsen requested a 3 or 5K run at Oak Grove. Updates were received on the Nature Center and ARPA funding.
- **Muilenburg & Vande Weerd**– Reported on the ARPA Committee meeting from January 6. The committee reviewed new applications and reported again that the deadline to apply for funding is March 1, 2022.

- 16) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. until Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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