

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 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-via Zoom, Mark Sybesma, John Degen, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) As this was the date, January 25, 2022, and time, 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing regarding county budget amendment #2, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Auditor, Ryan Dokter reviewed the amendment. No written or oral comments were received from the public and the Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the following resolution approving county budget amendment #2. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-05

Approval of FY 2021/2022 Budget Amendment #2

WHEREAS, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2021/2022 county budget amendment, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget amendment #2 was held on January 25, 2022,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County that the county budget amendment #2 for FY 2021/2022, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Sioux County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2021/2022 county budget amendment #2.

Signed and dated this 25th day of January 2022.

/s/Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

- 4) Craig De Haan, President of the Sioux County Youth Fair Board,
 - Distributed the Youth Fair Financial Report and requested the continued support for FY23 in the amount of \$25,000. The Board took no action on the funding request at this time.
 - The Board room was full of supporters of the Sioux County Youth Fair while De Haan discussed the need to relocate the Youth Fair. Previously, an option had proposed with Dordt University at a location north of Sioux Center. After meeting with the Board last year, decided to pursue another option for relocating to the old Sioux Center Airport.

- The Youth Fair Board believes it best to own their own ground and avoid lease agreements which prompted the move out of Sioux Center. A proposal document was distributed to the Board.
- The airport location has some infrastructure in place already, there is room to expand, and it has visibility from Highway 75. This location contains 78 acres.
- The Youth Fair Board also believes that it is good to work in partnership with the county, the Saddle Club, and all the area cities for this project. The plans include multiuse buildings for offseason events. They desire to create something special and unique and also believe that agriculture is still very important in Sioux County.
- Another report was distributed which included 4 other ag expo facilities and how they are seeing success with those. Supervisor Sybesma asked how these complexes were initially funded. De Haan reported that these groups initially had some grant funding as well as some COVID-19 funding.
- The proposed project has an estimated cost of \$8 to \$10 million dollars and the Youth Fair Board believes the foundation of the funding should come from Sioux County and are requesting \$5 million in county support.
- Supervisor Bloemendaal asked if there were discussions with Zomer Realty regarding the old airport. De Haan reported that the Youth Fair Board has visited with Zomer Realty as they have interest in using the runway for auctions.
- Supervisor Sybesma asked if there is a plan for fundraising on this project. De Haan replied that they would envision hiring a person to work full-time on fundraising as the Fair is run by volunteers.
- Supervisor Vande Weerd asked if the plan is to get the Fair back to the way it was in previous years with farm machinery, carnival, etc. De Haan reported that the Youth Fair Board hopes to get the Fair back to that kind of event over time.
- Supervisor Sybesma expressed his appreciation for the volunteer efforts as well as his appreciation for the Fair.
- Supervisor Degen liked this proposal better than the one presented previously.
- Supervisor Vande Weerd thinks the biggest thing to work out is how the City of Sioux Center joins in on this project, especially with the old airport.
- Supervisor Bloemendaal asked if any current buildings can be moved to the proposed location. De Haan stated that the plan would be to move the current multipurpose building and maybe one other and have gotten quotes for moving those.
- Supervisor Muilenburg thanked everyone for coming and stated that the Board will need time to think about this proposal.

5) Marty Guthmiller, CEO Orange City Area Health System,

- Reviewed the composition of Public Health in Sioux County as it is the only privatized Public Health agency in the State of Iowa. This model has proven to be successful with all hospitals in Sioux County participating.
- Reviewed the fiscal annual report for FY21 with the Board.
- Reviewed the FY2023 Public Health budget and is requesting a 5% increase in county funding which is \$375,378.

6) Kathi Wetter, Veteran's Affairs Director, reviewed the FY2023 budget with the Board. Wetter also distributed the VA Compensation and Pension Award Figures report, which summarizes the actual dollar amounts paid directly every month by the VA to eligible Sioux County veterans, due in large part to the County providing a full-time VA Director to assist veterans with their claims for these benefits.

- 7) Shane Walter, Zoning Director, reviewed the following FY2023 budgets with the Board: Social Services, Zoning, Environmental Health, Mental Health, Juvenile Probation, and General Welfare Services.
- 8) Ryan Berven, on behalf of Group Benefit Partners, reviewed the FY23 Sioux County Health Insurance renewal with the Board. Berven discussed the factors affecting the premium rate changes along with the benefit offerings the county has through the ISAC program. The Board received the report for information.
- 9) As this was the date, January 25, 2022, and time for a public hearing regarding the first reading of Ordinance No. 30, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Engineer, Joel Sikkema, described the ordinance, which would adopt rules for private well water construction permits. Public comment: Larry Vande Brake stated that he would like to see this adopted to remove confusion around the well being private or public and this ordinance clarifies this process so it can be administered correctly. No further comments were received and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES FOR PRIVATE WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa:

Section 1. Enactment. That pursuant to Iowa Code §331.302, the following chapter of 567 Iowa Administrative Code and its respective title is adopted by reference in its entirety as part of this ordinance:

Chapter 38, Private Water Well Construction Permits

Section 2. Enforcement. Notwithstanding any of the provisions adopted by reference by this ordinance in Chapter 38, Private Water Well Construction Permits of 567 Iowa Administrative Code, and as required in Code of Iowa 455B.172(4) be enforced by Sioux County as follows:

- a. That portion of this ordinance that adopts Chapter 38 of 567 Iowa Administrative Code, requirements for Private Water Well Construction Permits and Code of Iowa 455B.172(4) shall be enforced by the Sioux County Engineer.

Section 3. Penalties. Any person violation any provision, section or paragraph of this ordinance and the administrative rules it incorporates by reference shall be guilty of committing a county infraction and will be subject to a civil penalty of not more that \$100.00 for each violation or, if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed \$200.00, all as provided in Iowa Code section 331.307.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect upon final passage approval and publication as provided by Iowa Code section 331.302.

Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Sybesma to forego the third reading of the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. The second and final reading of the ordinance will be on February 1, 2022.

- 10) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer, updated the Board on secondary road activities, which include gravel stockpiling, blading work as the weather allows, and work in the county shops. Sikkema also reported on an estimated cost of demolishing the county home which is between \$275,000 and \$300,000, but believes this cost may be less, which is why it is important to bid this project out.

11) Abby Rook, Sioux County HR Director, reviewed the 2022 Wellness Program with the Board. On behalf of the Wellness Committee, Rook requested 8 hours PTO for employees who complete the online assessment as well as their annual physical, with the caveat that the County obtains the full 5% discount with employee participation in the program. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve 8 hours PTO for employees who complete the online assessment and their annual physical, provided that the county obtains the full 5% discount for FY2024 premiums. Motion carried unanimously.

Rook also stated that employees can earn up to \$200 for participating in all wellness activities.

12) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for January 25, 2022, as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** – 1) Attend ISAC University and reported that the speakers were very good. 2) Attended the Supervisor Executive Board meeting and discussed the Statewide Supervisor conference scheduled for February 10 as well as the ISAC Spring School in March. 3) Reported on a recent YES Board meeting. Sioux County currently has two juveniles that are incurring costs for the county. 4) Attended a NACo Steering Committee meeting.
- **Bloemendaal**– 1) Attended a Trails meeting on January 18. The agency passed a motion to apply for a grant. 2) On January 20, attend a Northwest Iowa Planning meeting in Spencer. 3) Also, on January 20, attended a RIDES meeting. The agency received their audit report and the agency is in good financial standing.
- **Muilenburg** – Attended a Wellness meeting and a Safety meeting.

14) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. until Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor