

## MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 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 25, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) The Chairman began discussion on the organization requests for FY23,

- Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve \$2,500 for CAASA in FY23. Voice vote: Sybesma, No; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carries 4 in favor, 1 opposed.
- Elderbridge Agency on Aging: \$7,000
- Family Crisis Center: \$15,000
- Foster Grandparent Program: \$7,500
- Genesis House: \$5,000
- Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve \$2,500 in funding for Habitat for Humanity. Voice vote: Sybesma, No; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried, 4 in favor, 1 opposed.
- Mid-Sioux Opportunity: \$7,500
- Northwest Iowa Development: \$10,600
- Northwest Iowa Planning & Development: \$4,126
- Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust: \$15,000
- Regional Airport: \$132,500
- Regional Transit Authority (RIDES): \$3,000
- Sioux Center Fire Department (Year 3 of 3): \$5,000
- Sioux County Conservation Foundation: The Board will seek clarification on this request as the requested amount would cover the debt owed to REC over the next 4 years.
- Sioux County Library Association: \$278,981
- Sioux County Youth Fair: \$25,000
- Sioux County Youth Fair Relocation: Supervisor Sybesma would like to see a board formed to oversee the relocation project and manage the location. This proposed board would consist of the 5 economic directors from the cities of Hawarden, Hull, Orange City, Rock Valley, and Sioux Center, as well as 2 Board of Supervisors, 2 members of the Fair Board, and 2 members from the Saddle Club.

Supervisor Vande Weerd stated that he believes the biggest priority is the property for the Fair to continue.

Supervisor Sybesma does not want to see the Fair die.

Supervisor Degen likes the idea of relocating the Fair to the old Sioux Center airport. Chairman Muilenburg is fine with the idea.

Supervisor Bloemendaal stated that the county needs to support the Fair and much of the economy in Sioux County ties to agriculture, and having 4-H programs builds character in kids and is a positive thing. He also believes the proposed location of the Fair is good as it is visible from the highway and would enhance the event.

Supervisor Vande Weerd would like to see the Chairman appoint Board members to a committee as Supervisor Sybesma had suggested.

Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve \$1,000,000 in funding for the Fair relocation project in FY23. Motion carried unanimously.

- Western Iowa Tourism: \$500
  - Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the aforementioned list of funding for organizations for the FY23 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Chairman began discussion on employee wages for FY23. Supervisor Sybesma believes that the county needs to do an 8% increase due to economic factors as well as what counties in northwest Iowa are doing. Supervisor Degen agrees but also has a hard time with doing an 8% increase. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve an 8% wage increase for all county employees for FY23. Voice vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, No. Motion carried 4 in favor, 1 opposed.
- 5) Committee Reports:
- **Sybesma** – Reported that he met with a leadership group in Sheldon recently.
  - **Degen** – Reported that the ice fishing clinic held by Conservation recently was very well attended with more than 80 people. The Conservation programs overall have had strong attendance.
  - **Bloemendaal**– Attended a Mid-Sioux meeting via Zoom on January 26.
  - **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended a Board of Adjustment meeting and a permit was approved for a machine shed. 2) Received a letter from the Iowa Utilities Board confirming the letter sent from Sioux County was received and filed.
  - **Sybesma & Vande Weerd** – Reported on the Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting from January 25.
  - **Muilenburg, Sybesma, Vande Weerd** – Reported on the Zoning meeting. Wind turbines were discussed and will seek an attorney opinion on the issue.
- 6) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor,
- Reviewed the preliminary numbers regarding the FY23 County budget. The Board gave direction to input \$7,750,000 for tax levying for the General Fund and \$1,500,000 for the Rural Fund.
  - Reviewed the expense accounts regarding the ARPA funding.
  - Dokter will fine tune the budget for organizational requests, changes in departmental budgets due to the wage increase, and departmental budgets that may change due to ARPA funding different projects.
- 7) Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve a part-time Jailer, Maison Oostra, and a full-time Jailer, Dede West. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to set February 22 as the date for the max levy public hearing regarding the FY23 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the following resolution transferring funds from the General Fund to the General Supplemental Fund. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

## GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to make the following inter-fund operating transfer:

\$600,000 from the General Basic Fund to the General Supplemental Fund,

WHEREAS, said operating transfer is made in accordance with Section 331.432 Iowa Code,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County as follows:

Section 1. The following inter-fund operating transfer is to be made effective February 1, 2022,

\$600,000 from the General Basic Fund to the General Supplemental Fund

Section 2. The County Auditor is directed to correct the books accordingly and to notify the County Treasurer of these inter-fund operating transfers, accompanied by a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

Signed and dated this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor

**10)** As this was the date, February 1, 2022, and time for a public hearing regarding the second and final 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. No written or oral comments were received and the Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the following ordinance as presented. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### 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.

Passed and adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor

**11) 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. Private haulers are set to begin on February 8.
- Discussed the memo sent to the Board regarding the purchase of a heavy-duty tandem-axle truck. The quoted price is \$134,191 and expected delivery of the Western Star 4700SF truck is in August or September of 2022. This truck will be for the Sioux Center shop location.

**12) Chairman Muilenburg appointed Supervisor Sybesma and Supervisor Vande Weerd to serve on the board regarding the Youth Fair relocation project.**

**13) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, February 8, 2022.**

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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