

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 23, 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, Mark Sybesma, John Degen, Al Bloemendaal, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meetings held on August 9, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) As this was the date, August 23, 2022 and time, 9:00 a.m. for a public auction regarding county-owned parcel 2202101003 located at 3325 450th St, Orange City, the Chairman instructed the County Auditor to open the bids.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tim Van Voorst	\$23,500
David Dykstra	\$37,650
Cody Bomgaars	\$45,151
Arlin Kuiken	\$126,101
Mark Toering	\$5,100
Arlin Van Gorp	\$127,300
Virgil Kiel	\$81,001
Rick Vos	\$60,000
Jonathan Dykstra	\$30,001
Brian Roorda Dairy LLC	\$198,000

Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to accept the high bid from Brian Roorda Dairy LLC for \$198,000. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the claims for August 23, 2022. County Auditor, Ryan Dokter remarked that a claim for Shane Walter will be voided as it needs to be paid from a different source. Motion carried unanimously to approve the claims with the removal of a claim to Shane Walter.
- 5) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion on appointing a point person for overseeing the remodel projects for county buildings. Supervisor Vande Weerd stated that Roger Buys is willing to do this work and recently met with Muilenburg and Vande Weerd to review the projects. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to appoint Roger Buys to oversee the county building projects. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Tim Zeutenhorst, Certified Insurance Counselor with Van Engelenhoven Agency, updated the Board on property and work comp insurance. Kyle Blankers with Van Engelenhoven Agency was also present for this report. Zeutenhorst reported that on the property insurance policy, the increase in cost is the highest it has been in 20 years. Inflation has been the primary driver of the increase in costs. On the work comp policy, the county continues to have one of the lowest premiums in the state and it reflects the culture of county employees working in a safe environment and having good equipment to work with. The Board accepted the report for information.

Zeutenhorst also relayed information regarding users of the former Sioux Center Airport property once the county owns this property. Any users of the property should have additional insured status and name the county in order to protect the county's interest.

- 7) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion regarding a potential easement along the north part of the property being designated for Public Health. Supervisor Vande Weerd worked with the adjacent property owner and they would be willing to enter into an easement agreement with the county so that a new retaining wall could be formed to allow easier access to the back of their property, and they would cover the costs of this project. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to form an easement agreement for this property. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, requested Board approval for a HAVA Accessibility Grant Application for \$1,000 from the Secretary of State's office. The intent of the grant is to have an advocacy group educate election workers, which will enhance user experience for voters with disabilities, and improve accessibility considerations. Another goal is to receive communication, etiquette, and sensitivity training with this funding. Dokter is working with Hope Haven to provide this training. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve a pledge letter to the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust fund for \$2,654 that can be applied toward the local match requirement for the FY23 State Housing Trust Fund application. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Committee Reports:

- **Vande Weerd** – 1) Provided an update on the remodel project at the new Public Health building. The electrical work passed inspection and drywall is being worked on. 2) Reported that he will attend a Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting via Zoom this afternoon and will discuss the hiring process for the new CEO. He will serve on the interview committee. 3) Reported that the current tenant farming the land around the old Sioux Center Airport is desiring to continue to farm the ground and wants to plan for fertilizing the ground. Vande Weerd provide more information to the tenant following the August 29 meeting with the Fair, Saddle Club, and economic directors. 4) Reported that the court records housed in the courthouse can be scanned for an approximate cost of \$250,000 and requested a decision be made on that at the next Board meeting. The county would cover the cost and would use ARPA funding for that project. By scanning these records, the county could then use the office space these records currently occupy, which would save money on more substantial remodel of other office space.
- **Bloemendaal** – Reported that Mid-Sioux sent a communication regarding Senator Ernst attending an event in Rock Valley for the Project Youth Child Care Center.
- **Degen** – Reported that a group will be visiting Oak Grove on September 27.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the recent Landfill meeting. An 8' high fence spanning 3,200 feet was approved to stop debris from blowing around. 2) Reported on the recent Airport Board meeting. The agency reviewed the 5-year plan and are forecasting expansion to the south for more hangar space.

11) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval for certification for completion and final acceptance for the following projects: LFM-3-2021—73-84 and L-2-2019—73-84. Motion by Sybesma

and supported by Degen to approve the documents for these two projects. Motion carried unanimously.

- Requested Board approval for a fiber optic utility permit application from NIPCO in section 31 of Holland Township. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- Updated the Board on the following construction projects: the box culvert near Carmel is about 75% complete, the B46 PCC overlay is about 70% complete, the county home demolition is complete, and the Jay Avenue grading started August 22.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.

12) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m. until Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor