

## MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 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, John Degen, Mark Sybesma, Al Bloemendaal, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on November 29, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Jessica Rohrs and Laura Cervantes, on behalf of Family Crisis Centers, updated the Board on statistics and upcoming projects from the Family Crisis Center and made a funding request of \$20,000 for FY24. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 4) Shelley Sindt, CEO of Elderbridge, and Ethan Huizenga, Elderbridge Board member, updated the Board on the services and activities of the agency. The agency's funding request for FY24 was for \$21,867. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 5) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion regarding a potential merge of the Northwest Iowa Workforce Development Area and the North Central Workforce Development Area. The merge would result in a 15 county area under one director. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Mark Sybesma to consider realigning the North Central Iowa and Northwest Iowa Local Workforce Development Areas together. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Supervisor Vande Weerd introduced a revised IT MOU for Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the updated IT MOU. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Committee Reports:
  - **Sybesma** – 1) Attended a Housing Trust meeting. It was discussed that \$40,000 of State funding would be allocated to the Family Crisis Center, Hope Haven and the Homestead, with each entity receiving a 1/3 of the allocation. The County will also be refunded 20% of that funding. 2) Attended a 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial meeting. 3) Reported the IT MOU for the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region will be more cost effective as it will utilize local IT personnel.
  - **Degen** – Attended a District 3 Supervisors meeting in Storm Lake. Reported the main discussions of the district meeting were the increasing needs of the Mental Health region and the pipelines.
  - **Bloemendaal** – Reported on the recent Mid-Sioux Meeting. The service area for Mid-Sioux increased from five to nine counties and the CEO received a 5% increase in pay.
  - **Vande Weerd** – Attended a District 2 Supervisors meeting in Storm Lake. Reported that the legislators in attendance will address the burden of the mental health regions are facing due to increasing mental health issues. They will potential push for more local control so regions can address the specific needs of their area.
- 8) Supervisor Vande Weerd initiated discussion regarding current leases at the Fairground. Vande Weerd reported that there are three leases that need to be switched over from the City of Sioux Center to Sioux County. Drafts for the updated leases will be introduced at a later date.

9) Michelle Monsma, Sioux County HR Director,

- Reviewed the proposal to form a policy for employees donating leave to other employees. The seed money portion had been removed. Monsma reported that department heads reviewed the proposed policy and were agreeable to move forward with the current wording.
- Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the Leave Donation policy for Sioux County Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Jesse Van Donge, Treasurer of the Sioux County Youth Fair, updated the Board on the Fair's activities and financial report. Fair representatives Craig De Haan and LeAnn Englin were also in attendance and thanked the County for its continued support. The agency made a funding request of \$25,000 for FY24. The Board took no action on the request at this time.

11) Hugh Lively, CEO of RIDES, updated the Board on the activities of the agency and made a funding request for FY24 for \$8,000. The Board took no action on this request at this time.

12) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval for a Preconstruction Agreement with the Iowa DOT, project HSP1X-010-1(87)-3L-84, to construct a Roundabout in the City of Orange City. Motion by Sybsema and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the Preconstruction Agreement. Aye's: Sybesma, Bloemendaal, Muilenburg. No's: Vande Weerd, Degen. Motion carries 3 in favor, 2 opposed.
- Reported that approximately 105,000 tons of gravel has been crushed at the Chatsworth Pit.
- Updated the Board on the general maintenance on roads, including more gravel stockpiling.
- Reported on a 48' culvert replacement west of Orange City that is 30% complete.
- Discussed the City of Sioux Center gas line request with the Board. Sikkema has worked with county staff Shane Walter and Tom Kunstle regarding zoning and legal questions surrounding the use of the County's right-of-way. It was determined that the gas distribution main qualifies as a public utility. Therefore, legally, the gas main would be allowed to be placed in the County's right-of-way.

13) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

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

ATTEST: /s/Linda Wynia  
Sioux County Deputy Auditor