

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 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 December 6, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Howard Hulshof, along with other representatives from Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation, updated the Board on the activities and programs that are being offered through their agency. A funding request for \$7,250 was submitted for FY2024. The Board took no action at this time.
- 4) Dick Sievers, CEO of Mid-Sioux, reviewed the service the agency provides and data for Sioux County residents being served. A funding request totaling \$16,500 was submitted for FY2024 with \$15,000 being dedicated to outreach and \$1,500 being dedicated to family self-sufficiency programs. The Board took no action at this time.
- 5) Becky Erdmann, Executive Director of the Genesis House, reported on the programs and services they provide. The funding request for FY2024 is for \$5,000. The Board took no action at this time.
- 6) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Sybesma to approve the claims for December 13, 2022 as presented by the County Deputy Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Larry Gregg, President of the Library Board of Directors, spoke on behalf of the Sioux County Library Association for their FY2024 funding request. Present for this discussion were other library directors in the county. The Library Association updated the Board on the activities and needs of the libraries in the county and requested a 6% increase in funding from FY2023. The total amount requested is \$295,573. The Board took no action at this time.
- 8) Committee Reports:
 - **Degen** – Attended a Sioux County Conservation Board meeting. Reported that two of three cabins are being utilized year-round due to high demand. Degen also informed that the Conservation Board recently purchased a borrow pit.
 - **Vande Weerd** – 1) Reported on the progress of the Community Health Building. The electrical and fire systems are almost completed. Community Health Partners hope to be moved in after the 1st of the year. 2) Updated the Board on the status of leases at the new fairgrounds. The leases will be given to County Attorney Tom Kunstle to be redrafted to reflect Sioux County as the lessor.
 - **Muilenburg** – Updated the Board on the progress of filling the position of Sioux County Auditor. The position will officially become vacant on December 24, 2022. Interviews with four individuals were conducted last week. The Board will have a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at which the hiring committee will make a recommendation and the Board will announce their intent to appoint.

9) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval to Certify Completion on the B46 concrete overlay, LFM-175-7X-84, FM-C084(174)-55-84. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve project completion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Reported there will be a letting on December 20, 2022 for HMA Resurfacing on the B56 and L14 STBG-SWAP-C084(173)-FG-84, LFM-172-7X-84..
- Acknowledged a Certificate of Appreciation for years of service for the upcoming retirement of Twila Oolman, Office Manager of the Engineer's Office. She has served 43 years and 10 months for Sioux County.
- Updated the Board on the status of the interview process for the Operator position at the Sioux Center shop.
- Reported on the increase of road maintenance due to the recent inclement weather.

10) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to go into closed session per Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(j). Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to go end closed session per Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(j) and return to regular session. Roll call on vote: Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, initiated discussion about concern over the Attorney's Office staff retention. The current salaries of Attorney Kunstle's staff are below the average of the previous eight hires in Sioux County. He stated that an increase in salaries would help keep wages competitive and strengthen staff retention. Supervisor Vande Weerd stated that Sioux County continues to provide great benefits and worries about a domino effect of mid year raises. At this time, the Board will not support the salary increase request. Attorney Kunstle will submit another proposal in his department's future budget review.

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 20, 2022.

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

ATTEST: /s/Linda Wynia
Sioux County Deputy Auditor