

## MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2023

- 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, Craig Hoftzyer, Dan Altena, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Agenda for the meeting of 12-12-23 submitted. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer. 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 \$7,379 was submitted for FY2025. The Board took no action at this time.
- 4) Pastor Deb Rensink, Director of Whispers of Love, Hope and Joy, reviewed with the Board the services her agency provides for victims of domestic abuse, including the addition of a healing campus. Pastor Rensink also provided several statistics regarding domestic abuse cases in Sioux County. A funding request totaling \$20,000 was submitted for FY2025. The Board took no action at this time.
- 5) Bethany De Ruyter, Representative of the Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Programs, reported on the services provided and the needs of the agency. De Ruyter also presented the numbers the agency currently serves and the number of volunteers in Sioux County. A funding request of \$9000 was made for FY2025. The Board took no action at this time.
- 6) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, addressed the need for a full-time position in the Treasurer's Office. The addition of a full-time position, which would specialize in Title work, would replace the current part-time position. In the past few years, Zomermaand explained that his current staff has worked a high volume of overtime hours to keep up with the workload. Hiring a full-time position would help ease the extra overtime. The Board took no action at this time and will address the request during the upcoming budget presentations.
- 7) Motion by Altena and supported by Degen to Approve the Ordinance Adopting Code of Ordinances (recodification) per Iowa Code 331.302(10)(a). Iowa code requires recodification every five years. Final Ordinance Adopting Code of Ordinances will be signed 12-19-23.
- 8) Notification was provided of a Condemnation Board resignation by Mike Broek. Potential new candidates will be appointed during the January 2, 2024, Board meeting.
- 9) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer to approve the claims for December 12, 2023, as presented by the County Deputy Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2023, were submitted. Motion by Altena and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11) Committee Reports:
  - **VandeWeerd – 1)** Attended a meeting regarding a 28E Agreement and potential 501(c)(3) status for the Fairgrounds. He also attended a meeting with the Fair Board and Vision

Builders about proposed plans and layout of an Expo Center. 3) Provided an update on the remodeling projects.

- **Degen** – Attended a Conservation Board meeting that recognized the years of service of Jerry Jensen, who will be stepping down at the end of the year.
- **Hoftyzer** – 1) Attended a Board of Health Meeting. A new Board member, Denise Lynott, will be appointed to the Board of Health on January 2, 2024. The State realignment plans are pushed back until after the holidays. 2) Attended a Dept of Corrections Advisory Board meeting that is also waiting for the State realignment plans that will be after the holidays.

12) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Approval of a Utility Agreement: Art's Electric for buried electrical line. Motion by Hoftyzer and supported by Degen to approve of the Utility Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- Provided an update on the R.O.W. Acquisition work on B40.
- Updated the Board on the status of current gravel stockpiling.

13) Motion by Degen and supported by Altena to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Wynia  
Sioux County Deputy Auditor