

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of Sioux County, IA, met at 9:00 AM with chairperson Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were Muilenburg, Craig Hoftzyer, John Degen, Carl Vande Weerd & Dan Altena via Teams Meetings.
- Agenda for the 11/26/24 meeting submitted. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Minutes of the 11/13/24 meeting presented. Motion to approve by Hoftzyer supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Muilenburg presents the idea of cash renting the county farmland near the Public Safety Center versus the current custom farming arrangement. All other county owned farmland is cash rented. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer to go with a cash rent arrangement going forward. Unanimous.
- Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, discusses recent Iowa Judicial Branch statement that debt collections were appropriated to the wrong funds.
- Hoftzyer discusses the Sioux County Ag Expo and its current fundraising efforts. Fundraising might be simplified if Sioux County Ag Expo owned the property they are fundraising to develop (old Sioux Center airport). Sioux County currently owns that property, and the initial agreement had some qualifications the Ag Expo needed to meet before that property could be gifted to them. Attorney Kunstle will review the agreement to determine when Sioux County could now legally gift that property to the Ag Expo.
- Shelly Sindt, representing Elderbridge Agency on Aging presents a request for FY2026 funding from Sioux County in the amount of \$25,216 and gives an overview of what Elderbridge does and gives information on the past year.
- Recent annexation activity in the City of Hull is reviewed.
- Claims for 11/26/24 presented. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer. Unanimous.
- Committee Reports:
 - o Hoftzyer–attended **Sioux County Ag Expo** – noted above, met with a **Boyden Community Club**.
 - o Degen–**Safety Committee** meeting & **Personnel Committee** discussions with Engineer – personnel discussions noted below.
 - o VandeWeerd–Information Technology (IT) staff moved to its newly remodeled space and Attorney staff will move to its newly remodeled space in December, noted ongoing mental health organizational changes for **Sioux Rivers, Youth Emergency Services (YES)** board meeting attended and noted upcoming remodel meeting.
 - o Muilenburg–**NW IA Solid Waste Agency & Recycling**–will be bidding new cell in January for additional capacities needed in January 2025. **Planning & Zoning Commission**–new variances related to flooding granted, Verizon Wireless tower location approved, 100,000-gallon fuel tank location approved & Wissink property variance request tabled. **Sioux County Regional Airport**–Manager to get 4% increase, Hangar rates to have a slight increase. **NW IA Solid Waste Agency & Recycling**–special meeting with 4 County Auditors for each county represented (Lyon, Sioux, Obrien & Osceola)-discussed county closure guarantees and the funding for closure costs (required by DNR). In 2025 the existing \$306,000 guarantee each county currently provides will suffice. **Safety Committee** meeting & **Personnel Committee** discussions with Engineer – personnel discussions noted below.
- Joel Sikkema, County Engineer, asks for approval of a utility agreement for Southern Sioux Rural Water bored water line crossings. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer. Unanimous. Presents 2024 Weed Commission report and 2025 certification. Discusses a transition plan to begin searching for replacement engineering staff to plan for a future retirement. Plan includes setting up the current Engineering Technician position(s) with levels I, II and III based upon criteria his department will establish. BOS will need to approve the position as there will be job overlap (additional costs) until retirement. This will be done when a potential hire is identified. Also discusses that scheduling for K30 resurfacing (county) and US Highway 18 replacement (state) coordination will be needed, notes De Raad gravel pit mining\crushing is happening, reports on K30 grading and updates on equipment purchases both current and upcoming. A general discussion is also held reviewing what it might take to get a road paved or partially paved near the NW IA Solid Waste Agency & Recycling.
- Motion to adjourn by Vande Weerd supported by Degen. Unanimous. Adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.

Attest: _____

/s/ Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman, Sioux County Board of Supervisors /s/ Joe E Van Tol, Sioux County Auditor

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