

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2006

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Loren Bouma, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, John Degen and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2006 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

County Attorney, Melissa O'Rourke reported:

- A Sioux County Board of Review case was settled and a dismissal was filed.
- Discussed a Sex Offender Residency Restriction Statement which she distributed to the Board.

Kim Vegter, County Budget Clerk, distributed updated Budget reports to the Board for Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

Dan Altena, County Sheriff, reviewed his 2007 budget request with the Board. Health insurance in the Sheriff's budget will be lowered by \$31,578.00. Items in his budget that will be paid by other than tax dollars include: replacement of the drug dog, and also costs that will be offset by forfeiture funds and prisoner room and board. These items amount to approximately \$42,500.

Shari Kastein, Executive Director of the Family Crisis Center of NW Iowa, reported that 92 victims of domestic violence were serviced by the Family Crisis Center in Sioux County this year. Two requests were made by the Family Crisis Center:

- Continue funding at last year's level (\$3,500)
- To ask that a letter be sent to Representative King, Senator Harkin, and Senator Grassley requesting endorsement for a Federal Grant Application by the Family Crisis Center.

Motion by De Haan, and supported by Degen to send letters of endorsement for the Family Crisis Center Federal Grant Application to Senators Harkin and Grassley and Representative King. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Jim Raymond, Emergency Management Director/Zoning Administrator, addressed the Board on the following matters:

Motion by De Haan and supported by Beernink to appoint Orville Rehder and Douglas Houlton to the Zoning Commission. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by De Haan and supported by Beernink to appoint Lorna Easton to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Degen to send a letter of request for a zoning change from Agricultural to Industrial, for an area in the County Urban Renewal Area, to the Sioux County Zoning Commission. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Raymond advised the Board that the County Zoning Ordinance should be reviewed and possibly updated.

Reviewed the information submitted for the Zoning Budget.

Raymond is exploring grant funding available to purchase an Emergency Vehicle. Any vehicle purchased for this purpose is to be used to transport equipment. It is proposed to use Emergency Management money to purchase a vehicle for emergency use. County costs will be impacted by fuel, insurance and maintenance costs.

Motion by De Haan and supported by Bouma to increase the wage of the janitorial staff to \$13.86 for Fiscal Year 2007. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board. Julius reported that gravel will need to be crushed at the Keehn Pit this spring. The price of gravel crushing has increased substantially, largely due to the increase in the price of fuel.

A re-estimate was received from NIPCO to move their line in the Urban Renewal Area. Moving the line will cost approximately \$13,000 more than was originally estimated due to increases in material costs.

The actual line cost of moving the water line in Garfield Township came in under estimate.

Julius requested the Chairman's signature on the RISE application. Motion by Beernink and supported by Bouma to authorize the Chairman to sign the RISE application. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

The County Engineer reported that equipment operations accounted for increased budget requests for Fiscal Year 2007.

The County Deputy Auditor requested that the Board allow the temporary Assistant to the County Commission of Elections to be paid for extra administrative duties assumed in conjunction with upcoming Primary and General Elections. Motion by Beernink to increase this wage by \$1.00 per hour and supported by Bouma. Roll Call on Vote: Bouma, No; Beernink, Yes; Sybesma, No; Degen, Yes; and De Haan, No. Motion failed.

Motion by De Haan, and supported by Bouma to increase the hourly wage amount of the Assistant to the County Commissioner of Elections by \$1.50 per hour while additional administrative duties are assumed by her. Roll Call on Vote: Bouma, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Sybesma, Yes; Degen, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Degen and supported by Bouma to accept the clerical scale at an increase of 3.75%. Motion carried unanimous in favor.

The Board approved payment of claims as presented by the County Auditor from all departments this date.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Lois Huitink
Sioux County Deputy Auditor