

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2013

- 13-01-29 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma and Dennis Wright.
- 13-01-29 2** Minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2013, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved. Auditor Huitink reported that under Committee Reports, the minutes of January 15 were corrected to read: **Kleinwolterink** – a) Attended a NW Iowa Regional Landfill meeting last week. Reported that it is possible that a fine will be levied by the Attorney General for violations at the Landfill. b) Reported that Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education will begin this fall in Orange City. This is a program initiated by Governor Branstad.
- 13-01-29 3** Kimberly Dykstra, Sioux County Budget Clerk re-distributed the budget request binders for FY 2013/2014 and attended the remainder of the meeting to hear discussion on the budget.
- 13-01-29 4** Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney reviewed his department budget request for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Overall expenditures for the County Attorney's budget increased 3.31%. The Board asked McAllister to gather financial data in regard to hiring a person to collect fines.
- 13-01-29 5** Denise Nelsen, Director of the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs requested that the Board contribute \$5,000.00 to that Agency for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The programs are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rock Valley Foundation, Inc. Nelsen noted that a satellite program was added in Woodbury County this year.
- 13-01-29 6** Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff told the supervisors that a news story was aired about concealed weapons permits. He reported that last year in Sioux County, an average of 40 permits were issued per month. So far this month 157 weapons permits have been issued. The Sheriff's budget request for next fiscal year was discussed. Overall the expenditures will increase 2.95%. Sybesma expressed concern over the number of chief deputies in the Sheriff's department. Altena stated that he has three deputies that are classified as exempt employees. County Attorney McAllister will investigate requirements of Iowa Code in this matter.
- 13-01-29 7** Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director, reported that he has been in contact with O'Brien County. That county requested some assistance in setting up an IT department. The Data Processing Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 shows an increase of 3.82%. Salaries for that department were discussed. Network switches will begin to be replaced during next fiscal year.
- 13-01-29 8** Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director
- Presented budget requests for various departments for fiscal year 2013/2014. Mental Health Department expenditures are expected to be reduced by 39.47% because of legislation that was passed last year. Veterans Affairs expenditures will increase 5.68%. Juvenile Probation expenditures are budgeted to increase 28.21%, based on recent

history. Social Services (DHS) expenditures will be increased .37%. General Welfare expenditures will decrease 8.19%. Physical Health and Planning will decrease 7%. A new department, Environmental Health, will have budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$11,000 next fiscal year.

- Walter updated the Board on progress being made on Mental Health regionalization.

13-01-29 9 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer told the Board that a preconstruction conference on the new bridge by Chatsworth will be held on Friday. Julius reported that road workers were out on Sunday morning because of ice buildup on county roads.

13-01-29 10 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Bloemendaal, Sybesma and Wright** reported on various sessions that they attended while at ISAC's New Officers School.
- **Degen** – a) Attended a Communications meeting. No major changes will occur next year. A new dispatcher has been hired. Pagers now also send a text messages in addition to the page. B) Reported on an Emergency Management meeting at which they discussed the status of the director, who is employed 75% by Emergency Management and 25% by the Sheriff's Department. c) Building committee report: the pump on the elevator has been removed and taken to Sioux City to attempt repair.
- **Kleinwolterink** – a) Attended a Northwest Iowa Development seminar on wind energy. b) Went to a Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission. c) Attended a Regional Landfill Meeting, at which he learned of a DNR program to recycle buildings. Fred Kesten, Iowa Waste Exchange Program will talk to the Board about this program on February 12. d) Informed the Board that Michael Callagy, a retired engineer, is willing to serve as a Condemnation Commissioner for 2013. Callagy's name will be added to the list. e) Attended a Citizens Advisory Board meeting at the Cherokee Mental Health Center.
- **Sybesma** – a) Reported that Merle Wynia is willing to serve as a Township Trustee in Sioux Township and that Josh Kempers is willing to serve as a Township Trustee in Welcome Township. b) The Northwest Iowa Housing Trust Fund has funds remaining to be used. The Family Crisis Center (Habitat for Humanity Project) has been notified and encouraged to apply for funding. c) Attended a membership meeting with NACO National Association of County Officials) and noted the importance of participation in that Association. d) Reported that 8 counties participated in the ISAC Strategic planning Initiative. Sybesma also noted that there is a large balance in the ISAC Health Insurance Fund. Sybesma plans to attend a NACO meeting in Washington D.C. in March. ISAC will subsidize his airfare to attend that meeting. .

13-01-29 11 Claims submitted by the Auditor were approved for payment.

13-01-29 12 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor