

## **MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

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 Tuesday, February 8, 2005 were on motion and vote stand approved as submitted.

Committee reports were given this date.

Lois Huitink, Deputy Auditor; and Kim Vegter, Real Estate/Accounting Clerk, met with the Board this date to review and discuss proposed county department and organizational budget requests for fiscal year 2006.

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to accept the resignation of Dr. H.P. Bolks of Hull as a member of the Sioux County Veterans Affairs Commission. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Bouma and supported by Degen to appoint Leroy Dykstra of Hull as a member of the Sioux County Veterans Affairs Commission effective February 15, 2005. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to appoint Shane Walter as Director of the Sioux County Veterans Affairs Commission effective February 15, 2005. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Loren Bouma, County Supervisor, left for the rest of the meeting at this time.

As this was the date and 10:00 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources feedlot operation and construction permit application

submitted by Bruce Dooyema of Center Fresh Egg Farm LLP of Sioux Center for the construction of an egg laying operation expansion of a formed manure storage structure located in the N/E1/4NE1/4 of Section 14 in Center Township, said hearing was held according to law.

Mark Dunlop, County Emergency Management Services Director and Zoning Administrator; and Bruce Dooyema and Jim Dean representatives for Center Fresh Egg Farm LLP reviewed the contents of the aforementioned Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application. Mark Dunlop, County Emergency Management Services Director and Zoning Administrator, reported that their matrix score was 455 points.

Mark Dunlop, County Emergency Management Services Director and Zoning Administrator, stated that he received no written or oral objections.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, was present for the aforementioned hearing to address truck traffic route concerns pertaining to the use of gravel roads instead of hard-surfaced roads to the Center Fresh Egg Farm LLP facility.

Bruce Dooyema and Jim Dean, representatives for Center Fresh Egg Farm LLP, stated that they would communicate with truck drivers that go to and from their facility and instruct them to use the appropriate hard-surfaced roads that would not tear up the gravels roads as much.

The Chairman closed the hearing.

Motion by Degen and supported by Beernink to forward a favorable letter of recommendation to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a construction permit application submitted by Bruce Dooyema of Center Fresh Egg Farm LLP of Sioux Center

for the construction of an egg laying operation expansion of a formed manure storage structure located in the N/E1/4NE1/4 of Section 14 in Center Township, subject to final approval by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Jeff Peters, CPA for Williams & Company, Inc. of Le Mars, met with the Board this date to present and discuss the Sioux County audit report for fiscal year 2004.

The Board discussed an option to purchase the former First Federal Bank building now owned by Iowa State Bank in Orange City in an amount of \$150,000 to provide additional space for county and Clerk of Court offices.

The following persons were present to submit and hear various ideas as to how to address the aforementioned space needs and proposed building purchase matter:

Deb Fischer, Judicial Clerk III in County Clerk of Court Office  
Lois Huitink, County Deputy Auditor  
Robert Hagey, County Treasurer  
Leah Eade, County Deputy Treasurer  
Anita Van Bruggen, County Recorder  
Micah Van Maanen, County Information Technology Director  
Shane Walter, County Community Services Director  
Kathy Wetter, County Community Services Secretary  
Kim Vegter, Accounting/Real Estate Clerk  
Harley Kleinwolterink, County Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

The consensus of the Board was to obtain firm cost estimates for the following areas:

Remodeling the former First Federal Bank building to suitable standards for the County Treasurer's office.  
Relocating the county's main server to another location.  
Removing a wall between the Clerk of Court and County Auditor offices.  
Erection of another wall in the County Auditor's office computer room.  
Removing a wall between the County Auditor and County Treasurer offices.

Motion by De Haan and supported by Degen to approve an option to purchase the

former First Federal Bank building now owned by Iowa State Bank in Orange City in an amount of \$150,000 with the stipulation that Sioux County has thirty days to make a final decision on the building purchase. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Degen to approve holding a public hearing on March 8, 2005 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. in the County Board of Supervisors room on a proposal to purchase the former First Federal Bank building now owned by Iowa State Bank in Orange City in an amount of \$150,000 according to the Code of Iowa. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to review the option to purchase the former First Federal Bank building now owned by Iowa State Bank in Orange City in an amount of \$150,000. She stated that the document was actually a contract to purchase said property with closing on the property within thirty days.

The Board understood from earlier conversations with officials from Iowa State Bank that the Board would have a thirty day option to the purchase the building upon signing the document and not an outright purchase of said property.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, stated that he is working on specifications for quotes one tilt trailer, one gravel pup trailer and two four-wheel drive pickups.

Lois Huitink, Deputy Auditor; and Kim Vegter, Real Estate/Accounting Clerk, met with the Board this date to review proposed county department and organizational budget requests for fiscal year 2006.

Motion by Beernink and supported by De Haan to approve the following proposed property tax levies and rates for fiscal year 2006 and to instruct the County

Auditor to proceed with publication of the county budget estimate for a budget hearing to be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 8, 2005 as follows:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Tax Levies</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>
General Basic	\$3,303,775	\$3.50000
General Supplemental	801,505	.84911
MH-DD Services	1,001,289	1.06076
Debt Service	211,102	.20000
Rural Basic	<u>1,454,647</u>	<u>2.81861</u>
Totals	\$6,772,318	\$8.42848

The property tax rates for the General Basic, General Supplemental, MH-DD Services and Rural Basic Funds were calculated using the following 2004 taxable valuations:

Rural	\$ 516,086,810
Urban	<u>427,848,789</u>
Total	\$ 943,935,599

The property tax rate for the Debt Service Fund was calculated by using the following 2004 taxable valuation:

Countywide \$1,055,509,466

Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Ali Childs and Tom Fleming, Senior Account Managers for Wellmark/Blue Cross-Blue Shield, met with the Board this date. Ali Childs announced that she will be retiring from Wellmark/Blue Cross-Blue Shield effective March 11, 2005 and that Tom Fleming will be the new Senior Account Manager for Wellmark/Blue Cross-Blue Shield covering Sioux County.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange  
Sioux County Auditor