

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

### **MEETING HELD ON APRIL 1, 1997**

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock A.M. with Chairman Loren Bouma presiding. Members present were William Vander Maten, Vernon Beernink, Loren Bouma, Bernard L. Smith and Hubert Schuller.

The minutes of March 25, 1997, were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Motion by Smith and supported by Schuller to approve the following late homestead tax credit claim:

Alvin F. Harms, Ireton            1996 - Homestead

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Robert Hagey, County Treasurer; and Phylliss Kroon, County Assessor, met with the Board this date to discuss two property tax matters pertaining to requests for a tax suspension and tax refund.

The tax refund request pertains to a building in the City of Rock Valley that was destroyed by fire in February, 1995. Phylliss Kroon, County Assessor, reported that January 1 of each year is the determining factor is the assessment date. Section 445.62, 1997 Iowa Code, provides that a loss for which an abatement or refund is allowed shall be only that amount which is not covered by insurance. The consensus of the Board was to instruct the County Assessor, County Auditor and County Treasurer to investigate prior tax abatement and refund decisions pertaining to any similar situation and report back the findings.

Robert Hagey, County Treasurer, reported on a tax suspension request and wanted direction from the Board in determining the definition of a person being unable to contribute to the public revenue. If a person is a recipient of federal supplemental security income or state supplementary assistance or is a resident of a health care facility which is receiving payment

from the Iowa Department of Human Services for the person's care, the person shall be deemed to be unable to contribute to the public revenue. The consensus of the Board was to instruct Robert Hagey, County Treasurer, to investigate what other counties have for policies pertaining to the suspension of taxes and report back the findings.

Robert Hagey, County Treasurer, reported on a request from the City of Hawarden for a tax abatement in an amount of \$120.00 which is the second half of 1995 taxes payable 1996-97. The City of Hawarden purchased the property from Wilbur Cummins on January 27, 1997, and plans to redeem this parcel through Tax Sale from a privately held tax sale certificate.

Motion by Smith and supported by Beernink to approve the following tax abatement according to Section 445.63, 1997 Iowa Code, contingent upon the City of Hawarden redeeming the parcel through Tax Sale from a privately held tax sale certificate:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Reason</u>
City of Hawarden (former owner: Wilbur Cummins)	000019021030130 W26' of Lot 6 & 7 Block 3, Original Plat, Hawarden	1995	\$120.00	City-owned as of 1-27-97

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Schuller and supported by Beernink to go into executive session with Lloyd Bierma, Assistant County Attorney, according to Section 21.(1c), 1997 Iowa Code, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and Schuller, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Schuller and supported by Beernink to go out of executive session according to Section 21.(1c), 1997 Iowa Code. Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and Schuller, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Dennis Sassman, Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to request approval on a Home and Community Based Waiver Application to request twenty slots from the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Schuller to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Home and Community Based Waiver Application to request twenty slots from the Iowa Department of Human Services. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Dennis Sassman, Community Services Director, proposed that the Board hire a full-time individual to assume the duties of a new half-time decatorization position, and the CPC (Central Point of Coordination) position due to the retirement of Joan Roghair, Accounting/Payroll Clerk and CPC (Central Point of Coordination), effective July 1, 1997.

The Board instructed Dennis Sassman, Community Services Director, to prepare a newspaper job advertisement and refine a proposed job description for the Decatorization/CPC (Central Point of Coordination) position for Board review and approval at the next meeting.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board this date.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following documents:

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Quarterly Reporting and Billing Form for the Private Water Well - Grants to Counties Program in a reimbursement amount of \$522.37.  
Sioux County Plans for Project Numbers L-5-97--73-84, L-15-97--73-84, L-11-97--73-84 and L-9-97--73-84.

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Smith and supported by Beernink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a five year Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Road Construction Program for fiscal year 1997-98 as submitted by Doug Julius, County Engineer, with no new grading or paving projects added. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Smith and supported by Beernink to approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Road Budget for fiscal year 1997-98. Carried, unanimous in favor.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, April 8, 1997.

Loren Bouma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange  
Sioux County Auditor