

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON MAY 10, 2011

11-05-10 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment 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.

11-05-10 2 Minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2011, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

11-05-10 3 Discussion was held regarding replacing the Courthouse air conditioning system. Jon Buitter, Engineer representing EDA was present for this discussion. Buitter reviewed a time line that could be followed assuming that the geothermal option is chosen for replacing the air conditioning system. A separate bid would be needed for digging the wells. A test well would need to be dug soon. A decision regarding digging the test well will be made at a later meeting.

11-05-10 4 Ron Damstra, former member of the Sioux County Board of Health was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for 15 years of service to the citizens of Sioux County on the Board of Health. Barb Top, member of the Board of Health and Deb Vander Plas, Community Health Partners representative were present for presentation of the award.

11-05-10 5 Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney brought contracts for the 2012 Flexible Benefits Program and Partial Self Funding Plan for Board approval and signature. Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve the aforementioned documents subject to review by the County Attorney. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

11-05-10 6 Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff

- Expressed appreciation for the County's intranet site.
- Reported that applications for weapon permits are still running high. For the current year 309 permits have been issued. \$55.00 is charged for each permit. Permits issued for the purchase of weapons are about the same as last year.
- Told the Board that more documents have been served this year. Service fees collected for civil matters are up \$6,600 more than last year.
- Reminded the Board that the Saturation Project is in effect now. Three OWI's were picked up over the weekend. The goal of this program is to cut down on fatalities. Altena stated that Sioux County ranks 22nd in population, and 28th in state for miles traveled. The County is ranked 16th in fatalities. The number of fatalities is greatest on Highways 10, 18 and 75. Seatbelt usage is also being encouraged.
- Reported that Justin De Bruin is gone to Nationals with Molly, the drug dog. Mow Motor donated a van for De Bruin's use to make this trip.
- Noted that on May 17 the communications update will be complete. Altena noted that it is likely that additional funding from the County will not be needed.
- Noted that arrest numbers are about the same as last year; however, they are starting to see more incidences of minors in possession of alcohol.
- A new jailer will be hired soon. Thirty-eight applications have been received for that position.

11-05-10 7 Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director

- Gave the Board an update on the Mental Health re-design occurring at the legislature. A reconciliation meeting was held yesterday morning. Based on what is coming out of these reconciliation meetings, amendments to House File 525 are being submitted.
- The Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux Center is proposing to provide mental health services through their facility using Seasons Mental Health Services (not in Sioux County's catchment area). The County currently contracts with Creative Living Center for mental health services. The County already provides this service to eligible citizens, so concern was expressed over duplication of services. Walter was instructed to draft a letter, for Board approval, to the Siouxland Community Health Center and to Seasons Mental Health Services regarding this matter. The Board will review the letter at their next meeting.
- Reported that his office has been very involved with several nuisance ordinance violations. Walter would like direction from the Board regarding discovering nuisances while carrying out his various duties. If no complaints have been filed, is the Zoning Administrator responsible for following up on these nuisances? The consensus of the Board is that the Zoning Administrator should not initiate filing nuisance complaints.
- Shared that the Flood Plain Management Plan has been approved. Each property within the County needs to be approved for insurance by a Flood Plain Specialist. Walter or a staff member will attend training for this position this summer in Maryland.

11-05-10 8 Motion by Kleinwolverink and supported by Degen to approve the transfer of \$799,914.00 to the Secondary Road Fund from the Rural Basic Fund. Roll call on Vote: Kleinwolverink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 2011-14

SECONDARY ROAD FUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desired to make the following inter-fund operating transfer:

\$799,914.00 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund,

WHEREAS, said operating transfer is made in accordance with Section 331.432 Iowa Code,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County as follows:

Section 1. The following inter-fund operating transfer is to be made effective May 10, 2011.

\$799,914.00 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund

Section 2. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books accordingly, and to notify the County Treasurer of these inter-fund operating transfers, accompanied by a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

Signed and dated this 10th day of May, 2011.

/s/Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor

11-05-10 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Wright** – 1) A **Northwest Iowa Consortium** meeting was held; however, a quorum was not present, so votes could not be cast. Hope Haven would like to increase rates beginning January 1, 2012 because of remodeling being done. Wright stated that Hope Haven has been very cautious about asking for increases in the past, and that those at the meeting felt the request was justified. The Consortium will conduct a special vote by e-mail concerning the Hope Haven rate request. 2) **RC&D** –because funding for RC&D is no longer available steps are being taken to dissolve the organization. 3) **Compass Pointe** reported a profit last month.
- **Wright and Kleinwolterink** attended a Foster Grandparent Program meeting.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a **Mid-Sioux Opportunity** meeting in Remsen – They are looking for ways to supplement income or make cuts to the program. 2) Hugh Lively reported at a **Regional Transit Authority** meeting that they experienced a large increase in health insurance premiums. 3) The **Greater Siouxland Community Health Center** had a profitable month in April; however, that agency is also struggling because of cuts in Federal Grants.
- **Degen** – Attended an **Emergency Management** meeting. Ambulance replacement was discussed. Some of the towns would like to update equipment on the ambulances rather than purchase new ones. Degen reported that an open house will be held at the Sioux Center Fire Department on May 18.
- **Sybesma** –1) Reported that Rob Klocke, Sioux County Conservation Director informed him that two parcels of County owned land near Rock Valley will no longer be rented by Riverbottom Farms, Inc. 2) Informed the Board that the Regional Airport Board will meet within on May 24. 3) Noted that labor negotiations continue with unions for the Sheriff's and Secondary Road Departments.
- **Kleinwolterink** – reported that the City of Orange City has requested that Ironwood Avenue from Highway 10 north to 430th Street and that Jay Avenue from Highway 10 south to 460th Street be paved.

11-05-10 10 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer was not present at this meeting; however, business from the Engineer's department was submitted for Board action.

- Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve and have the Chairman sign a permit agreement for Mid American Energy to place electric poles within the right-of-way to span Elmwood Avenue between Sections 4 and 5 of Plato Township, approximately ½ mile south of the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and 330th Street. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Tabulation sheets for the PCC Overlay Project near Newkirk and the PCC Pavement Project near Sioux Center were received for information. Knife River Corporation submitted the low bid of \$1,980,448.38.

- Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign contracts and Contractor's Bond for PCC Overlay Project STP-S-CO84(135)—5E on L14 from Newkirk to Highway 18 and Project L-9-08PAV—73-84 on 390th Street from Harrison Avenue to Hickory Avenue near Sioux Center. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

- Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contracts and Contractor's Bond for Culvert Project L-7-2011—73-84 on Dove Avenue west of Section 6 in Plato Township. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

11-05-10 11 Claims submitted by the Sioux County Auditor were approved.

11-05-10 12 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor