

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2004

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, Bernard L. Smith and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of Tuesday, November 30, 2004 were on motion and vote stand approved as submitted.

Committee reports were given this date.

Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to report on the following matters:

The Iowa Supreme Court has affirmed the second-degree murder conviction of Christie Van Oort of Rock Valley, as well as her fifty-year prison sentence. Jose Palacios (also known as Luis Perez-Perez), age 21 was found guilty following a two-day trial of four felony charges in an Orange City arson case.

Rose Lee, Executive Director for RIDES, met with the Board this date to review a fiscal year 2004 report for RIDES and discuss a budget request in an amount of \$20,445.00 for fiscal year 2006.

Jeanne Visser, President of Hull Library Board and representative for the Sioux County Library Association, updated the Board on the increase in library technology usage by library patrons. She did not mention any specific budget request for fiscal year 2006 but stated that any increase in funding would be welcome. The Sioux County libraries are currently receiving an amount of \$174,430 for fiscal year 2005. The following librarians were present for the aforementioned library discussion:

Jan Van Soelen, Hull Librarian
Cheryl Hoekstra, Alton Librarian
Karla Chase, Orange City Librarian
Shari Fedders, Boyden Librarian
Valerie Haverhals, Hawarden Librarian
Karen Bjorkman, Sioux Center Librarian

The Sioux County Library Association members present thanked Bernard L. Smith, County Supervisor, for his many years of service on the Sioux County Board of Supervisors and his support of the Sioux County Library Association. Bernard L. Smith, County Supervisor, is retiring from the Board at the end of the year.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Bouma to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Farm Service Agency Document Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-30

RESOLUTION OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING MEMBERS TO SIGN ANY/ALL DOCUMENTS TO FARM SERVICE AGENCY

COUNTY OF SIOUX

BE IT RESOLVED that Mark Sybesma, Chairman of the Sioux County Board of Supervisors, and Stanley L. De Haan, member of the Sioux County Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign all documents regarding participation in the programs offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and which are administered by the Sioux County Farm Service Agency.

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

/s/ Stanley L. De Haan, Member
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

I, Dennis Lange, Sioux County Auditor, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Sioux County Board of Supervisors on the 7th day of December, 2004.

ATTEST: /s/ Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor

Roll Call on Vote: Bouma, Yes, Beernink, Yes; Sybesma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes.

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Smith to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. of Remsen endorsing their application for assistance under the Joint Homeless Assistance Program. Services provided under this project are needed in order to meet the needs of families in our area.

The County Board of Supervisors held a telephone conference with Mark Cory, attorney for Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., to discuss various financing tools available to fund secondary road improvements in the Urban Renewal District 1 area.

Mark Cory, attorney for Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., reported on some of the financing tools available as follows:

Could spend directly out of the Secondary Road Fund the money to pay for some or the entire project and still certify it as an advance to be reimbursed from TIF monies. It would not be a loan but classified as an expenditure or advance from the Secondary Road Fund.

Borrow the money now and fund the project and certify it as indebtedness when the TIF certification is made.

Borrow money on a tax exempt basis to reimburse an original expenditure from the Secondary Road Fund. Monies could be expended from the Secondary Road Fund now and be reimbursed at a later date. That would require some preliminary steps to be taken. The Internal Revenue Service would want Sioux County to state their intention right away and within sixty days of the Secondary Road Fund expenditures.

For urban renewal borrowing for an essential county purpose, a public hearing must be held which is subject to a ten day reverse referendum. Instead of issuing general obligation bonds, capital loan notes could be negotiated with local institutions.

There is available an urban renewal revenue note or bond and it will be solely and only from the increased revenues of the urban renewal area and from nothing else. That method would not be subject to reverse referendum.

Shane Walter, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to report that Creative Living Services of Rock Valley was able to access a \$32,000 grant from the state that Plains Area Mental Health Center of Le Mars had previously secured.

Craig Coffey, Hawarden City Administrator; Randy Feenstra, Hull City Administrator; Lori Wolkow, Boyden City Administrator/Economic Development Director; Paul Clousing, Sioux Center Assistant City Administrator/Economic Development Director; and Pam Hein, Alton City Economic Director; all representatives of the Northwest Iowa Economic Developers, met with the Board this date to request funding in an amount of \$10,000 per fiscal year for a three year period starting with fiscal year 2006.

Craig Coffey, Hawarden City Administrator, was the spokes person for the group and stated that the objectives of the group are as follows:

Formalize the regional economic development coalition.

Increase the volume of economic leads that the group would have an opportunity to present proposals to.

Forming regionally would be to pool a portion of the local marketing funds in order to create a more effective marketing effort.

Multiply marketing funds. While pooling resources and potentially securing financial participation by the State of Iowa and other organizations would be another reason.

Being viewed as a larger entity to potential prospects would be an advantage in seeking employees to relocate.

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to approve a budget request from Northwest Iowa Developers to fund them in an amount of \$10,000 per fiscal year for a three year period starting with fiscal year 2006. Roll Call on Vote: Bouma, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Sybesma, Yes; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Craig Coffey, Hawarden City Administrator, submitted correspondence addressed to Bernard L. Smith, County Supervisor; and John Degen, County Supervisor-elect, pertaining to a request of the City of Hawarden or other cities in obtaining the Sioux County GIS mapping files, at no cost to the City of Hawarden or the other cities. The cities would utilize the Sioux County GIS as the map files for their overlay of utilities on the system and items such as sidewalk plans, bike trail plans, etc.

The consensus of the Board was to allow the cities to utilize the Sioux County GIS mapping files for various overlays. The cities would reimburse Sioux County for hard copy costs, etc.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor