

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2011

11-12-20 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.

11-12-20 2 Minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2011, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

11-12-20 3 Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney had nothing to report from his office. McAllister asked the Supervisors if they would share some thoughts on the Compensation Board's recommendation of a 3% increase for elected officials. The Board advised the Attorney that a 3% salary increase may be used in preparing the budget for 2013.

11-12-20 4 Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director updated the Board on progress made by the committee on Mental Health Reform. The Department of Human Services released their final report on Mental Health and Disability Services system redesign on December 9. Wright expressed concern that proposed legislation will cost more and provide less service. Walter reported that a conference call with targeted case management would be held later today. Discussion will focus on increased cost for those services.

11-12-20 5 Tim Zeutenhorst, insurance agent for Van Engelenhoven Agency met with the Board to discuss the insurance premiums for property insurance for 2012. The premium for calendar year 2012 will be \$274,331.00, an increase of 2.8%. Equipment for the Communications Department accounted for the greatest increase in coverage. Zeutenhorst reported that in 2011 the insurance industry, both internationally and nationally, saw claims hit historically high levels. This was due in large part to natural disasters. Zeutenhorst stated that insurance does a pretty good job of covering natural disasters; however, because of advances in technology, cyber liability has become a risk as well. Because of this ICAP has included some limited coverage to all policies for cyber liability. The Risk Management Agreement has been revised between the County and ICAP. County Attorney, McAllister will review the agreement.

11-12-20 6 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Wright** – attended a Northwest Iowa Mental Health Consortium meeting where newly negotiated rates were approved for 9 area providers. All of the new rates will take effect on July 1, 2012 except for Hope Haven. The Hope Haven rates will go into effect on January 1, 2012 due to the completion and occupation of their newly remodeled building.. Two counties, Emmet and Dickinson, have been approved to join the Consortium. Sac and Ida Counties have been contacted about joining the Consortium. A question raised at the meeting was “Should mental health providers be part of the negotiations?” A decision on the question was tabled to a later meeting. Wright commented that Sioux County is very blessed to have a great working relationship with Hope Haven
- **Bloemendaal** – Reported on a RIDES meeting. Positive balances for this agency are reported each month. Two accidents have occurred. In one instance the driver was negligent in securing a passenger. Training is in place for the drivers to assure that they are given instruction on properly securing passengers and other aspects of safe driving.
- **Kleinwolterink** – a) Gave an update on programs provided by the Sioux County Wellness committee. b) Reported that the NW Iowa Landfill is still attempting to get the

new cell operational. The new cell will be located to the west of the current cell. c) Reported that Matlock city officials expressed appreciation for the work that the Secondary Road Department did on streets in that city.

11-12-20 7 Doug Julius, Sioux County

- Distributed a letter of appreciation from Matlock city officials for the work done on their streets.
- Submitted a Contract Construction Progress Voucher for the Chairman of the Board to sign. The voucher was the final one for FMA resurfacing near Matlock.
- Requested Board approval for a permit agreement for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to install underground electric line along tracks in Sections 7 and 8 of Lincoln Township. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve the aforementioned permit agreement. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- General items – blading and stock piling continue. The Courthouse Geothermal Project Phase I is nearly complete. Reported that 42,000 tons of gravel was gleaned for the Chatsworth pit this year. Showed the Board the Excellence in Concrete Paving award that was received by the County Engineer.

11-12-20 8 Shari Kastein, Director of the Family Crisis Center reported that the Iowa Attorney General has asked the FCC to expand their emergency shelter to provide for extended stays. The Attorney General has been studying the FCC and is pleased with the work being done by the agency. In order to make a greater impact on victims, the FCC needs to extend their stay. The basement of the new building can be utilized to provide added five studio apartments for this purpose. Kastein requested that the Board send a letter of support for a CDBG grant. In addition to services already in place, this will provide a safe haven to victims of human trafficking. Security is in place for the residents and the staff. Kastein hopes to find out if the grant has been approved in March. If the grant is received the plan is to have more space by the summer of 2013. Revenue for the FCC mostly comes from Federal and State funding. About 1/6 of the revenue is received from local contributions. Sybesma expressed appreciation for the work done by the Family Crisis Center and its benefit to Sioux County. The Board will consider a onetime allocation to the FCC in addition to the regular support for Fiscal Year 2013.

11-12-20 9 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor