

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, and Al Bloemendaal.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on January 31, 2017, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Dave Huitink resigned from the position of Holland Township Clerk. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Degen to appoint Lois Huitink as Holland Township Clerk, term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, informed the Board about the sentencing of Dianna Winder, who was a daycare provider. The sentence was for 150 days in the Sioux County Jail with 4 years of probation.
- 5) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, presented the tentative Sioux County Budget to the Board. The reports presented, showed the increases and decreases in revenue and expense by department and by major county funds.
- 6) The Board initiated discussion over the \$500,000 funding request from the Sioux County Conservation Foundation for a Nature Center building. Present for this discussion were Rob Klocke, Sunday Ford, Gordon Pottebaum, Cal De Ruyter, and Cory Brandt.
  - Brandt addressed the Board to give his support for the project. He is a 9-12 Life Science Teacher at Rock Valley High School and sees a need for a facility like this in Sioux County. He believes that a nature center would draw more people into Sioux County.
  - De Ruyter also addressed the Board to promote the construction of a nature center. He is a business owner in Rock Valley and is concerned that Sioux County residents go out of the county or out of state to enjoy nature, and urged the Board to not underestimate the economic impact of a nature center in the county.
  - Pottebaum informed the Board of the current funding and/or pledges for the nature center which currently are 2 million dollars or 40% of the needed 4.8 million dollars. To be able to apply for an "Enhance Iowa" grant, pledges need to be at 50% and for the grant to be scored, 90% funding must be pledged.

Motion by Degen and supported by Wright for \$350,000 in County support for the nature center over 7 years. Discussion:

- Bloemendaal stated that he feels many of his constituents are uninformed about the nature center project. He said that great work is being done by the Conservation staff, but recognizes that many residents, particularly in the ag community, in the County are struggling financially and cannot justify an increase in expenditures for this. This will likely become a burden on all tax payers, which he campaigned against when running for re-election. He stated that the State of Iowa misjudged revenue by 100 million dollars last year. He stated that this was not a good time for this project.

- Degen stated that this project is an investment in the heritage of the County as well as in education. He also said that the campgrounds are always full and the classes that the Conservation staff conduct are in high demand.
- Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, No, Degen, Yes, Wright, No, Bloemendaal, No, Sybesma, No. Motion failed.

Motion by Wright and supported Kleinwolterink for \$250,000 in County support for the nature over for 7 years. Discussion:

- Bloemendaal asked if this project could be done for less money at Sandy Hollow. There is an existing structure at Sandy Hollow that has potential in being used for a nature center. He stated that Sandy Hollow being in the center of the county would make it an ideal location.
  - Pottebaum answered by stating the need for trails, woodlands, and other aspects that Sandy Hollow does not have, make it a poor candidate for a nature center.
  - Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes, Degen, Yes, Wright, Yes, Bloemendaal, No, Sybesma, No. Motion carried 3-2.
- 7) The Board discussed the funding request for \$250,000, for the new Family Crisis Center building. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to contribute \$100,000 over 5 years. Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes, Degen, Yes, Wright, Yes, Bloemendaal, Yes, Sybesma, No.
- 8) The Board discussed levy rates for FY18. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to set the General Supplemental levy at 0.52501 for FY2018. Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes, Degen, Yes, Wright, Yes, Bloemendaal, Yes, Sybesma, No.
- 9) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer
- Reported on secondary road activities.
  - Stockpiling from the Keehn Pit to Boyden by private haulers will begin.
  - Updated the Board on the progress of the Rock Valley bridge project.
- 10) Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal for a fund transfer from the Rural Basic to the Secondary Road fund. Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes, Degen, Yes, Wright, Yes, Bloemendaal, Yes, Sybesma, Yes. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-05**

#### **SECONDARY ROAD FUND TRANSFER**

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

\$1,150,000.00 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 February 7, 2017.

\$1,150,000.00 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund

Section 2. The County Auditor is directed to correct the 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 7th day of February, 2017.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor

**11)** Board Member Wright introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION WAIVING NOTICE UNDER AMENDED AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 28E FOR THE JOINT EXTENSION, IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATION OF AN AIRPORT FACILITY", and moved its adoption. Board Member Bloemendaal seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was

AYES: Kleinwolterkink, Degen, Wright, Bloemendaal, Sybesma

NAYS: None

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the following resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2017-06**

**RESOLUTION WAIVING NOTICE UNDER AMENDED  
AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 28E FOR THE JOINT  
EXTENSION, IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATION OF AN  
AIRPORT FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Cities of Sioux Center and Orange City and Sioux County, Iowa (the "Members") are parties to the Amended Agreement pursuant to Chapter 28E between the City of Sioux Center, Iowa and the City of Orange City, Iowa and Sioux County, Iowa for the Joint extension, improvement and operation of an Airport Facility (the "Facility"), which was filed with the Iowa Secretary of State on January 20, 2017 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement, among other things, empowers the Board of the Facility (the "Board") to determine that capital improvements are needed at the Facility, determine the estimated costs of such improvements, and to allocate and assign said costs among the Members pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that Sioux County, Iowa (the "County") may issue obligations on behalf of the Facility and its Members to fund such projects upon notice to, and election of, the individual members of the Facility pursuant to Article VII, Section 4 of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Facility has requested that the County issue \$4,850,000 in Urban Renewal Revenue Notes (the "Notes") to fund all Members' Costs for the extension and improvement of

the Facility (the "Financing"), has assigned each Member a \$1,616,666.67 principal amount share, and the County has held a hearing and taken additional action to do so; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the above, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors has held hearings and taken additional action for the issue of not to exceed \$5,000,000 Urban Renewal Revenue Capital Loan Notes to fund the Members' shares under the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SIOUX COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used in this resolution shall have the meanings given to them in the Agreement.

Section 2. Waiver of Notice. All notice required under Article VII, Section 4 prerequisite to the issuance of the Financing by the County under the Agreement is hereby waived and the Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Agreement, including any such certificates or documents as may be necessary or desirable in order to further evidence the authorization of the County with respect to the issuance by the County of one or more series of Notes in the amount of \$4,850,000 to fund the Facility improvement project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2017.

/s/Mark Sybesma, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Ryan Dokter, County Auditor

12) Motion by Wright and Supported by Bloemendaal to approve a temporary transfer of a liquor license for the Rock Valley Gun Club. Motion carried unanimously.

13) The County Budget Public Hearing was set by the Board to be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

14) Committee Reports:

- **All Supervisors** – attended a statewide County Supervisors meeting in Des Moines.
- **Bloemendaal** – reported that he contacted a couple property owners about a proposed trail from Sandy Hollow to Orange City.
- **Sybesma and Wright** – met with three Public Health employees in regarding to their FY2018 departmental funding. Public Health is projecting a \$124,000 deficit as State funds are being cut.
- **Sybesma** – attended a Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting on January 31. Reported that providers are not getting paid by the MCO's.

15) Claims submitted by the Sioux County Auditor were approved for payment.

16) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor