

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON MARCH 2, 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 February 24, 2004 were submitted and on motion and vote stand approved as submitted.

Motion by Bouma and supported by De Haan to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Direct Liquor Services Renewal Application for Y. Brad Van Voorst to become effective April 1, 2004. Carried, unanimous in favor.

Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to report on the status of three criminal court cases in Sioux County District Court.

Ross Simmelink, County Assessor; and Lois Huitink, County Deputy Auditor, met with the Board this date to discuss valuation and tax information pertaining to establishment of a proposed tax incremental finance district which would include property owned by Center Fresh Egg Farm and Dooyema & Sons and the appropriate County Secondary Roads. The incremental value revenues generated by new growth would be used to assist with grading and paving said appropriate roads. The proposed confinement expansion will be located in Section 14 of Center Township.

The County Board of Supervisors proposed to communicate with Center Fresh Egg Farm and Dooyema & Sons to determine what property they want included in a proposed tax incremental finance district and estimate the potential amount of valuation growth. This information would help the Board determine the projected revenues generated by the increased incremental valuation to assist with grading and paving appropriate County Secondary Roads.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Bouma to approve and authorize Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission to proceed with preliminary plans for a proposed

establishment of a proposed tax incremental finance district containing area including property owned by Center Fresh Egg Farm and Dooyema & Sons and the appropriate County Secondary Roads.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, was present for the aforementioned proposed tax incremental finance district urban renewal plan discussion and reviewed how RISE (Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy) applications to the Iowa Department Transportation are scored and awarded.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, requested approval and a Chairman's signature on various documents.

Motion by Smith and supported by De Haan to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following documents:

Right-of-Way Easement between grantor, Sioux County and Southern Sioux County Rural Water System, as grantee for a road right-of-way crossing located in Section 16 of Sherman Township. Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for City Bridge Construction Funding for Project No. SBRM-0130(601)--8F-84.

Iowa Department of Transportation Application and Agreement for use of Highway right-of-way for utilities accommodation for Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. for road right-of-way crossings located in Section 31 of Nassau Township.

Sioux County plans for Bridge Replacement Project BRS-C084(111)--60-84.

Carried, unanimous in favor.

Shane Walter, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to request approval and a Chairman's signature on a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services for Community Partnership funds in an amount of \$2,500.00 for a four county area with Sioux County serving as fiscal agent.

Motion by Bouma and supported by Beernink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services for Community Partnership funds in an amount of \$2,500.00 for a four county area with Sioux County serving as fiscal agent. Carried, unanimous in favor.

The County Board of Supervisors proceeded to discuss space needs and concerns in the Court House and Sioux County Iowa Department of Human Services office as well as the future of the old county jail building as follows:

Shane Walter, County Community Services Director, was present and stated that he would like to utilize part of the old jail building as office space for his department. He sees the old Jail Building as a viable and structurally sound building which would need some cosmetic work to make it a workable space for his department. He sees the building having some historical value. He also felt the old jail building would alleviate some parking concerns as well as free up some additional office.

Deb Fischer, Judicial Clerk III in the Sioux County Clerk of District Court Office, was not present to discuss space needs for the Clerk of District Clerk of Court Office and a larger jury room.

However, Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, was present to reiterate the space needs in the Clerk of District Court Office. She stated that Deb Fischer, Judicial Clerk III in the Sioux County Clerk of District Court Office, would have to determine whether personnel from her office could be relocated to other office space in the court house. She also stated that a couple of conference rooms should be freed up for attorneys to meet with their clients. She further stated that the District Court Judge Jim Scott and Supreme Court of Appeals Judge Terry Huitink would not be interested in sharing offices next to an office currently occupied by Micah Van Maanen, County Information Technology Director. Mark Sybesma, Chairman of Board, stated that the space in the drivers license room could be better utilized since it is used only one day a week.

Dennis Lange, County Auditor, reiterated that a secure area in the court house for storage of new electronic equipment must be retained next to an office occupied by Micah Van Maanen, County Information Technology Director

The Board discussed the idea of appointing a committee of Court House personnel to make a recommendation to the Board on how to address the Court House space concerns and a committee of public individuals to address the status of the old jail building and other long term future space needs of the Court House and other facilities. The main emphasis of the Court House personnel committee would be to address the short term space needs of the Clerk of District Court office and other court related space concerns.

The consensus of the Board was to proceed with appointing a committee of Court House personnel to make a recommendation to the Board on how to best utilize space in the Court House to specifically address space concerns in the Clerk of Court office, Court House second floor and Sioux County Department of Human Services building.

The consensus of Board pertaining to the old jail building was to demolish it and notify Jim Schwiesow, County Sheriff, that he has thirty days to remove anything of value from the old jail building and move it to the new County Public Safety Center.

The Board decided to instruct the County Auditor to prepare a notice for a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board of Supervisors room to receive public input on what to do with the old county jail building. The public notice will be published in all Sioux County newspapers.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange
Sioux County Auditor