

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 30, 2010

10-03-30 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 John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma, Al Bloemendaal and Dennis Wright.

10-03-30 2 Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to amend the agenda to include a Property Tax Abatement request from Randy Jacobsma, Sioux County Treasurer. Jacobsma reported that property owned by Curtis Horstman in Sioux Center was erroneously assessed. Overpayment of taxes amounted to \$1,735.55. This amount will be deducted from the second half tax payment due for taxes collectable FY 2009/2010. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the abatement of the following property: Parcel number - 1609182003; Owner - Curtis L & Robbyn M. Horstman. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

10-03-30 3 Minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2010, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

10-03-30 4 Reviewed notification received from the City of Hospers regarding a voluntary annexation for that city.

10-03-30 5 Coleman McAllister, County Attorney addressed an issue of cell phone use while driving.

10-03-30 6 Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director

- Provided clarification for comments made at last week's meeting. In a funding report given Walter noted that there might need to be funding cuts in the future. He reiterated that funding cuts will not be made any time soon to any Mental Health programs. An expenditure report for FY 2009/2010 through the month of March was distributed. Sybesma stated that it is the intent of the Board to provide services for all who need it, in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Reported that many positive comments have been received from Veterans who have received benefits due to assistance from the Sioux County Veteran's Affairs Commission. Walter encouraged Veterans to contact his office for help with preparing applications for benefits.

10-03-30 7 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Reported that he turned in a cost report of \$60,568 to FEMA for a 48 hour period in December, 2009.
- The city of Matlock has requested that the County assist them in repairing streets in that city. Several options were discussed. Sybesma suggested that a possible approach to the issue would be for the city of Matlock to borrow funding for the street project, with the County guaranteeing that loan in case of default. Discussion was had on the possibility of collecting money through special assessments. Seal coating was suggested as a lower

cost alternative to paving the streets. Sybesma will meet with city leaders and present a response from the Supervisors.

10-03-30 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Bloemendaal** – attended a **Greater Siouxland Community Health Center Meeting** – The Bright Smiles Fundraiser has almost received \$100,000.00 in local contributions (have cash and pledges of \$91,925.00 presently). Construction to convert unused portions of their building into a dental clinic will begin soon. The Health Center received an “Incubator” grant initially when they opened in July of 2008. This has provided quarterly payments which will end in July, 2010.

10-03-30 9 Paul Clousing, City Manager and Dennis Dokter, Assistant City Manager from the City of Sioux Center met with the Board to discuss funding matters. Dokter presented information on a proposal for a Civic Center that will be presented to the Vision Iowa/CAT Grant Program for funding. Projected costs of the project would be \$2,500,000. Events that would be held include conventions, weddings and seminars. The facility would host between 400-500 people in a banquet center. Funding sources listed in the proposal are TIF bonds of \$1,500,000, CAT Grant funds of \$700,000, and local contributions of \$300,000. A resolution of support was requested from the Board. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Kleinwolterink to pass a resolution to provide \$15,000 over a three year period as a show of support for the City of Sioux Center’s request for a Vision Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant. Roll call vote: Wright, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Degen, Yes; Kleinwolterink, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 2010-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM APPLICATION FOR THE SIOUX CENTER COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sioux Center City Council has identified a need to successfully develop and support a Community Events Center to meet the conference, business, and entertainment needs of the community and of Sioux County;

WHEREAS, the project will be financed by private fundraising; and city, county and state financing, including an application to the State of Iowa for a Vision Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant.

WHEREAS, such a new Community Events Center will benefit all residents of Sioux Center, surrounding rural areas and other communities within Sioux County through enhanced quality of life and new entertainment amenities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its full support and commits a minimum of \$ 15,000 over the course of the construction of the Sioux Center Community Events Center project, and furthermore calls upon the State of Iowa to act favorably upon all applications for financial assistance. Sioux County's financial commitment to this project will be contingent upon the successful award of a Vision Iowa CAT grant.

/s/Mark Sybesma, Chairman

Sioux County Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor

10-03-30 10 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday,
April 6, 2010.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor