

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON JULY 19, 2005

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 Loren Bouma, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, John Degen and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of Tuesday, July 12, 2005 were on motion and vote approved as submitted.

Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Election Clerk, met with the Board to present the results of the Rock Valley Physical Plant and Equipment Levy election.

Canvass of Public Measure A: "Shall the Board of Directors of the Rock Valley Community School District...be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,950,000....," passed with a 76.43% majority.

Canvass of Public Measure B: "Shall the Board of Directors of the Rock Valley Community School District...be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding two dollars and seventy cents per thousand dollars, but not exceeding four dollars and five cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation....." passed with a 75.66% majority.

Motion by Bouma and supported by Beernink to approve the canvass of the Special Rock Valley School Election. Motion passed, unanimous in favor.

Supervisor, Vernon Beernink, reviewed an estimate on the cost of remodeling the First Federal Building. The total estimated remodeling cost is \$44,250.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Degen to accept the estimate of \$44,250 for remodeling the former First Federal Building. Motion approved, unanimous in favor.

As request to increase the amount being charged for housing prisoners, as presented by County Sheriff Dan Altena at the last Board meeting, was discussed. Motion by Beernink and supported by De Haan to increase from \$15.00 to \$35.00 per day the amount being charged for prisoner room and board. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

As this was the date and 10:00 o'clock a.m. the time set for a Public Hearing regarding changing voting precincts in Sioux County, said hearing was held according to law. No comments, oral or written, were received from the public. The Chairman closed the hearing.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board to update them regarding various ongoing construction projects. The Board was also apprised on the status of recent equipment purchases.

Representatives from Creative Living Services met with the Board to present a check for \$7,500 to the County as specified in an agreement between Creative Living Services and Sioux County. Creative Living Services is reimbursing the maximum amount possible. Sharla Smith, office manager was introduced to the board and given credit for her work in providing cost savings to the citizens of the County. Walter noted that we have the lowest per capita cost in the State for the type of services provided by Creative Living Services. The Chairman acknowledged the excellent relationship with the organization, and thanked them for the services that they provide to their clientele.

Shane Walter, General Relief Director, reported on the Papers program, which has been discontinued. Sioux County had been allotted a number of slots each year at the University of Iowa Hospitals through this program. Funding has now been given to the Iowa Cares Program, administered by the Department of Social Services. Walter is unsure about the impact this will have on the County, but anticipates increased costs. Patients that had been helped before will no longer get the same level of care. No longer will transportation or medication be provided through the Iowa City Hospitals.

As this was the date and 10:15 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources swine confinement feeding operation construction permit application for the construction of a Swine Confinement Feeding Operation consisting of three 51 ft. x 172 ft. buildings that use formed manure storage structures. The operation is owned by

De Jong Brothers and is located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 28 of Lynn Township.

Said hearing was held according to law

Written comments received by the Auditor were distributed to the Board. Present for this discussion was Nathan De Hoogh from rural Lynn Township. Zoning Administrator, Mark Dunlop, reported that the facility received a Matrix score of 485. The DNR has not been out to the site yet. The Chairman and Dunlop have received numerous phone calls opposing the issuance of this Permit. The County Auditor received three letters that expressed concern with air and water quality, and also with traffic concerns. Mr. De Hoogh stated that he echoed the same sentiments, however he is also concerned with the impact this facility would have on the value of his property. Dunlop noted that the letters received would be forwarded to the DNR. Public Hearing Closed. Motion by De Haan to pass the written comments received on to the DNR with a recommendation not to approve. Since there was no support to this motion, the Chairman called for a vote without a second. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

As this was the date and 10:30 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources swine confinement feeding operation construction permit application for the construction of a Swine Confinement Feeding Operation consisting of one 101 ft. x 166 ft. building that uses formed manure storage structure. The operation is owned by Hamhead I LLC and is located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 28 of Washington Township. Said hearing was held according to law.

Dunlop noted that this is a 2200 head hog confinement unit. Technically, this group does not need to have a permit, and no MATRIX is required. The board does not need to take action on this confinement, however the board acknowledged the presence of Ray and Susan Haneklaus, residents of Washington Township, who came for this hearing. The Chairman

offered to accept comments from them. Mrs. Hanelkaus shared with the Board that this is the 5th confinement within a mile and a half of their home. The one being proposed would be built within site of her kitchen window and prevailing winds would carry the odor directly over their house. Concerns about health and safety were expressed. Mr. Hanelkaus has problems with asthma, grandchildren are not able to play safely, and because of the large number of confinements in the area, ground water quality is also a concern. Dunlop recommended that they contact the DNR regarding their concerns, since this permit does not fall within the guidelines requiring comment by the Board of Supervisors. The Chairman expressed appreciation for the comments made. Public Hearing closed.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Lois Huitink
Sioux County Deputy Auditor