

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Mark Sybesma, and Al Bloemendaal.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on February 5, 2019, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Claims were approved for February 12, 2019 as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the results for the Special Sioux Center School Election for a \$24,900,000 public measure to approve a general obligation bond to construct a new high school. Voter turnout was 31.37%, and the percent necessary in order for the public measure to pass was 60%. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the canvass of the Special Sioux Center School Election. Motion carried unanimously.

“Shall the Board of Directors of the Sioux Center Community School District, in the County of Sioux, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,900,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a new High School building and to acquire and improve the site?”

Yes 1,397	76.38%
No 432	23.62%

- 5) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, shared statistics for 2018 for criminal cases opened, which totaled 1,013.
- 6) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities. Snow removal is currently taking place.
 - As time allows, stockpiling gravel will take place from the Chatsworth Pit to Ireton and from the Groth Pit to Boyden.
 - Informed the Board that he is currently advertising for the open position at the Rock Valley Shop. Applications will be received until February 28.
- 7) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, presented the FY2020 Budget to the Board.
- 8) As this was the date, February 12, 2019 and time, 9:45 AM for a public hearing for Hickory Hill Farms Inc. c/o Steve Meissner, Section 12, Holland Township, Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: One new 850 head dairy cattle free stall confinement building and one new 33 MG earthen manure storage basin at an existing dairy cattle confinement facility. Animal unit capacity of the confinement after the construction: 3990 animal units (2850 head of mature dairy cattle). Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director presented this proposal. Chairman Sybesma opened the Public Hearing. Walter informed the

Board that the master matrix score for this proposal was 460 and 440 points were needed. No public comment written or oral was received. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Muilenburg and supported by Degen to approve a favorable recommendation to the Iowa DNR. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Shane Walter, Sioux County Veteran's Affairs Director, discussed the letter from the Veteran's Affairs Commission, which appoints Kathryn Wetter as the Veteran's Affairs Director for Sioux County, effective July 1, 2019. Due to the responsibilities Walter has as the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region, the Regional Board requested he relinquish his duties as Veteran's Affairs Administrator to allow more time for his CEO duties for the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region. This change will be budget neutral as some part-time positions will be removed and duties will be reassigned within the office.
- 10) Randy Jacobsma, Sioux County Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period covering July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The Board received the report for information and the document is on file in the County Auditor's office.
- 11) Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director, informed the Board that a technology equipment auction will be taking place from February 19 to March 5. 28 computers, 3 laptops, and other miscellaneous equipment will be available to bid on. Advertising for the auction will take place through social media, website, and by email to previous bidders.
- 12) Scott Te Stroete, Premier Communications, reviewed a map of the company's service area, as well as areas where fiber optic cable will be buried surrounding Boyden, Hull, and Ireton. Te Stroete requested the Board pass a resolution in support of the projects in order that Premier Communications can apply for State funding for these projects. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the following resolution. Roll Call on Vote: Muilenburg, Yes; Degen, Yes; Sybesma, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2019-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE RURAL AREAS OF HULL, BOYDEN AND IRETON, IOWA

WHEREAS, Premier Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in rural Hull, Boyden and Ireton by a complete rebuild and installation of fiber optics; and the Sioux County Board of Supervisors fully supports the need for this project.

WHEREAS, the project will be financed by Premier Communications, including an application to the State of Iowa's Broadband Grant Program.

WHEREAS, investment in infrastructure, such as the proposed fiber project, will greatly benefit businesses, agriculture and residents alike in the rural areas of Hull, Boyden and Ireton by providing state-of-the-art broadband services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the Hull, Boyden and Ireton rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance.

Signed this 12th day of February, 2019.

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

Attest: /s/Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor

13) The Board discussed the draft resolution prepared by Readifuels-Iowa, which proposes a 10-year graduated property tax abatement for a proposed bio-diesel refinement plant. This tax abatement is identical to the abatement provided to the Bison plant in 2001. If this project were to continue the County would need to further develop infrastructure and would incur costs from the infrastructure improvements. The Board advised the County Auditor to place this draft resolution on the February 26, 2019 agenda for further discussion and potential action.

14) Committee Reports:

- **Degen, Muilenburg, Vande Weerd** – Attended the Farm Bureau meeting from February 5.
- **Bloemendaal** – Reported a Sioux County Trails meeting from February 5. The meeting was well attended and there is still interest on developing a way to connect a trail from Sandy Hollow to Orange City.
- **Vande Weerd** – Reported that he has had discussions with the City of Rock Valley about some projects the City would like to pursue.

15) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor