

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

September 23, 2024

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a public budget and tax request hearing at the Sioux County Courthouse meeting room on September 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners J. W. Geiser and Hal Downer. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman was also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. The pledge of allegiance recited. Hal Downer led the meeting in prayer.

A "Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary" and "Notice of Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request" for the 2024-2025 Sioux County Budget was printed in the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun on September 11, 2024.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak at the public hearing. The public hearing was closed and the board reconvened into regular session at 1:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 23rd day of September, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Sioux County, Nebraska, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Sioux County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2: That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3: That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and the expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues, other than taxation, to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Motion made by J.W. Geiser to approve the 2024-2025 budget, seconded by Hal Downer. On roll call vote: Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was also made Hal Downer, seconded by J.W. Geiser, to approve an additional one percent increase in the base limitation of restricted funds. Roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to approve Resolution 2024-5, a resolution stating the Property Tax Request for the 2043-2025 Sioux County Budget be set at \$1555,333.33, resulting in a proposed tax rate of .212090. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is available to the public at the Sioux County Clerk's Office.

Resolution 2024-6 was adopted following a motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser yes. Motion carried. That resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

2024-6

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska has been listed by the Center for Immigration Studies as a "Sanctuary County" which indicates on its website that a sanctuary jurisdiction is one that has "*laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE – either by refusing to or prohibiting, agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainee acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers*"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sioux, Nebraska, does not have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE; and

WHEREAS, it is Sioux County's policy to fully cooperate with federal authorities, including without limitation, immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), in performing those duties and responsibilities imposed upon the federal government by federal law to curb and control illegal immigration into the United States of America.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Sioux is not, nor has it ever been, a "Sanctuary County".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the County of Sioux to fully cooperate with federal authorities, including without limitation, ICE, and other law enforcement agencies in accordance with law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd day of September, 2024.

Road Superintendent Phipps and Eric McCoy discussed road matters with the board.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

/s/Hal Downer
Vice-Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk

