MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 1997

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock A.M. with Chairman Loren Bouma presiding. Members present were William Vander Maten, Vernon Beernink, Loren Bouma, and Bernard L. Smith. Hubert Schuller was absent.

The minutes of December 16, 1997, were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Mark Schouten, County Attorney, met with the Board this date to report that Continental Western Insurance Company will be providing insurance coverage for Sioux County with a reservation of rights in District Court Case, Jan Cain, Plaintiff, vs. Sioux County Board of Health and Sioux County Board of Supervisors, Defendants. He reported that the Board of Supervisors would be required to sign a Non-waiver of Rights Agreement with Continental Western Insurance Company to that effect.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Smith to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Non-waiver of Rights Agreement with Continental Insurance Company which states that they will be providing insurance coverage for Sioux County with a reservation of rights in District Court Case, Jan Cain, Plaintiff, vs. Sioux County Board of Health and Sioux County Board of Supervisors, Defendants. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Rose Lee, Executive Director of Regional Transit Authority/Rides, Inc., met with the Board this date to submit and discuss a budget request in capital improvement funds for a three year period starting in fiscal year 1998-99 in the amount of \$13,113.00.

Don Schreur of Orange City and who is a trainer for the Regional Transit Authority/Rides, Inc. Program was present for the aforementioned presentation.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Beernink to appoint Bernard L. Smith to serve as a member on the Board of Directors of the Third Judicial District Department of

Correctional Services for calendar year 1998. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Vander Maten to approve the salary recommendations of the Sioux County Compensation Board as submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the elected County Officials for fiscal year 1998-99 as follows:

Chairman, Board of Supervisors	\$22,670.00
Member, Board of Supervisors	22,070.00
County Sheriff	47,880.00
County Attorney	47,880.00
County Auditor	41,840.00
County Treasurer	40,100.00
County Recorder	38,620.00

Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Lois Jean Dawson and Val Haverhals from Hawarden; Dorothy Weiss from Orange City; Karen Bjorkman from Sioux Center; and Jan Van Soelen from Hull; all representatives from the Sioux County Library Association, met with the Board this date to submit and discuss a budget request in an amount of \$146,616 for fiscal year 1998-99. This reflects a three percent increase from fiscal year 1997-98.

Herb Ritsema, Orange City, was also present for the aforementioned presentation.

Dick Sievers, Executive Director of Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc., met with the Board this date to submit and discuss a budget request in an amount of \$14,000.00 for fiscal year 1998-99.

Dennis Sassman, Community Services Director, was present for the aforementioned presentation and discussed current federal and state welfare programs. He also reported on correspondence addressed to Robert Hoogeveen, CEO of Village Northwest Unlimited, Sheldon, stating that Sioux County will only be paying per diem rates established by the Iowa Department of Human Services pursuant to a 28E agreement approved earlier for services rendered to Sioux County residents.

Jeff Peters CPA, representative for Williams & Company, Le Mars, met with the Board this date to submit and discuss the Sioux County audit report for fiscal year 1996-97.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Smith to approve and sign a Fair Representation Letter for Williams & Company, Le Mars, in connection with the Sioux County audit for fiscal year 1996-97. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Motion by Smith and supported by Beernink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Engagement with Williams & Company, Le Mars, to perform the county audit for fiscal year 1997-98 in an amount of \$17,200.00. Sioux County is exercising the third year proposal from Williams & Company, Le Mars. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Robert Hagey, County Treasurer, presented Gert Kamies, retiring Deputy Treasurer, with a plaque and Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding and service and contributions to Sioux County for 34 years.

Robert Hagey, County Treasurer, reported on a requested property tax refund matter and various tax suspensions.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Smith to approve a tax refund and adjustment for Mark Kleyer on Parcel Number 000022354760030 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1995	19554	\$362.00	Building Removed -
1996	19554	376.00	double assessment

The \$362.00 will be issued as a refund and the \$376.00 made as an adjustment to the current year's tax statement due in March, 1998.

Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Beernink to approve suspension of property taxes for the following persons that are receiving supplemental security income according to Section 427.9, 1997 Iowa Code:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Year</u>	Tax Amount
Arthur & Anna Kamerman	000016211010020	1996	\$451.00
	000016211260040	1996	3.00

Michael & Debra Kroll	000019334270020	1996	-0-
	000019334270030	1996	-0-
	000019334270040	1996	-0-
	000019334270050	1996	-0-
	000019334280030	1996	-0-
	000019334280040	1996	-0-
Darwin Mulder	000023023040050	1996	213.00
			\$667.00

These tax suspensions are for tax year 1996 and future tax years until notified by the Iowa Department of Human Services that the tax suspensions should cease. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Doug Julius, County Engineer, met with the Board this date.

Motion by Vander Maten and supported by Smith to approve and authorize the Board to sign a Title Sheet for construction Project Number L-HOS-1-97. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Motion by Beernink and supported by Smith to appoint Doug Julius, County Engineer, as the County Weed Commissioner for calendar year 1998. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

The Board approved payment of claims as presented by the County Auditor from all departments this date.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Friday, January 2, 1998.

Loren Bouma, Chairman Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange

Sioux County Auditor