

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal, and Mark Sybesma. Jerry Muilenburg was absent for this meeting
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2019 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Claims were approved for September 17, 2019 as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Cole Kruijenga, ISG Project Lead on the Dakota Access Pipe Line project was present for the documentation turnover to the County. In total, there were 12 violations in Sioux County, which were mainly soil mixing and all 12 have been closed. In landowners have issues that cannot be resolved directly with Dakota Access, then the County Compensation Commission would be called to action.
- 5) Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the results for the Special Orange City Hospital Bond Proposition C Election. Voter turnout was 41.64% with a total of 1,712 total votes cast 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 Orange City Hospital Bond Proposition C election. Motion carried, one member absent.

“Shall the City of Orange City, State of Iowa, issue its General Obligation Capital Loan Notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of construction of a Center for Healthy Living by the Orange City Municipal Hospital d/b/a Orange City Area Health System?”

Yes 749	43.75%
No 963	56.25%

Proposition C failed to pass.

- 6) Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to approve Dave Brown as Township Trustee for Settlers Township to fill a vacancy and Troy Van De Berg as Township Trustee for Welcome Township to fill a vacancy. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 7) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor,
  - Requested Board approval of the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY2018-2019. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the report. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Requested Board approval of a new employee, Kelli Kramer, who is filling the Real Estate Clerk position. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the new employee. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Informed the Board that he intends to advertise and hire a full-time HR Director next spring. He is reclassifying the open Budget/Accounting Clerk position to an HR Director position. Sioux County Attorney, Tom Kunstle, informed the Board that

Dokter as an elected official has the right to reclassify the position. The caveat is that the Board has the authority of determining the budget and could reduce the Auditor budget. The general consensus of the Board was to approve the position when the HR Director position is filled.

- Reported that September is National Voter Registration Month, and more specifically, September 24 is National Voter Registration Day. Dokter encouraged people to get registered to vote.
- 8) As this was the date and time 9:30 AM for a public hearing, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director presented the following,
- Name of Applicant: Rick Wierda, Location of the operation: Section 30, West Branch Township, Sioux County, Iowa, Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: One new 2500 head deep pit swine nursery confinement building at an existing swine confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the confinement operation after construction: 1850 animal units (4000 head of swine finishers and 2500 head of nursery swine). No written or oral comments were received and the Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to forward a favorable opinion to the Iowa DNR for this permit application. Motion carried, one member absent.
  - Reported that work will need to be done in conjunction with the County Attorney to form an ordinance for environmental health. Currently, Walter has no authority to hold landlords accountable for mold, beg bugs, bats, or other issues renters face when occupying a residence.
- 9) Dennis Vander Wel, Sioux County Head Custodian, discussed the courthouse boiler quotes received from two companies. Rasmussen Mechanical Services had the low bid, but at the recommendation of EDA, some modifications to the design and equipment are needed in order for the new system to integrate properly with the geothermal system already in place. The Board instructed the Building Committee to obtain a firm price from Rasmussen with the appropriate modifications so that the Board could approve the quote to lock in the price. The intent would be to replace the boiler system in the spring.
- 10) Sioux County Attorney, Tom Kunstle, requested Board approval of a new employee, Jade Hoisington as Assistant County Attorney. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the following resolution. Roll Call on Vote: Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, one member absent.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31

#### RESOLUTION OF THE SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, at the request of Thomas G. Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.903, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the County Attorney's appointment of Jade Hoisington as Assistant Sioux County Attorney. Such appointment shall be effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of September, 2019.

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor

- 11)** Scott Te Stroete, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Premier Communications, requested Board approval of the following resolution in regards to a fiber optic project in the Hawarden area. Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the resolution. Roll Call on Vote: Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Vande Weerd, Yes; Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, one member absent.

RESOLUTION 2019-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE RURAL AREA OF HAWARDEN, IOWA

WHEREAS, Premier Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in rural Hawarden 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 Hawarden 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 Hawarden rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance.

Signed this 17th day of September, 2019

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

ATTEST: /s/Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor

- 12)** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Reported on the Title VI Compliance review from September 4. Sioux County is in compliance and will have a resolution for the compliance review at the October 1 Board meeting.

- Reported on a quote for gravel crushing at the Groth and Van Woudenberg Pits. 60,000 tons will be needed at Groth and 40,000 at Van Woudenberg, which was quoted at \$2.20/ton.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities as well as the progress of construction projects from the Construction Map.

13) Committee Reports:

- **Degen** – Reported that an inspection was done on the courthouse elevator and the County is now required to install an emergency phone in the elevator, as well as an alarm when the doors are locked open. The phone will cost approximately \$4,800.
- **Sybesma** – Reported on the Third Judicial meeting. Maureen Hansen is the new director. The agency is looking into contracting HR services as they have 71 full-time employees. There are six staff members that work with sex offenders.
- **Bloemendaal & Sybesma** – Reported on the Airport Board meeting from September 16. Drainage issues continue to be addressed with landowners. The agency is also working on obtaining pricing for signage and reported that the agency’s finances are in good shape.

14) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor