

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2020

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were John Degen, Jerry Muilenburg, Carl Vande Weerd, Al Bloemendaal and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meetings held on May 26, 2020 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Kalyn Decker, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the election results for the Primary Election held on June 2, 2020. Decker reported 48.84% voter turnout for this election which was very high. Approximately 92% of absentee ballots were returned. County Auditor, Ryan Dokter, commented that his office staff and election officials did a remarkable job with the election with all of the challenges with the pandemic. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the canvass of the Primary Election returns and authorize the Board to sign Abstracts of Election in accordance with section 43.49, Code of Iowa, for the Primary Election held on June 2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

United States Senator	PARTY	VOTES
Joni Ernst	Republican	7,606
Scattering	Republican	42
Michael Franken	Democratic	294
Kimberly Graham	Democratic	142
Theresa Greenfield	Democratic	277
Eddie J. Mauro	Democratic	42
Cal Woods	Democratic	8
Scattering	Democratic	4
 United States Representative, District 4		
Randy Feenstra	Republican	6,596
Steve King	Republican	1,291
Steven Reeder	Republican	38
Bret A. Richards	Republican	77
Jeremy Taylor	Republican	111
Scattering	Republican	2
J.D. Scholten	Democratic	743
Scattering	Democratic	6
 State Senator, District 02		
Jeff Taylor	Republican	7,100
Scattering	Republican	29
No Candidate	Democratic	
Scattering	Democratic	30
 State Representative, District 003		
K. Lynn Evans	Republican	115
Mark McHugh	Republican	155
Dennis J. Bush	Republican	244
Scattering	Republican	3

No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	1
State Representative, District 004		
Skyler Wheeler Scattering	Republican Republican	6,479 154
Bjorn Johnson Scattering	Democratic Democratic	572 4
Supervisors District 1		
John Degen Scattering	Republican Republican	922 3
No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	8
Supervisors District 3		
Al Bloemendaal Scattering	Republican Republican	1,583 7
No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	0
Supervisors District 4		
Mark Sybesma Scattering	Republican Republican	1,449 8
No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	1
County Auditor		
Ryan Dokter Scattering	Republican Republican	7,385 17
No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	18
County Sheriff		
Dan Altena Scattering	Republican Republican	7,408 69
No Candidate Scattering	Democratic Democratic	25

The following received enough votes for their names to be placed on the General Election Ballot to be held on November 3, 2020:

Sioux County Board of Supervisors District #1: John Degen, Republican

Sioux County Board of Supervisors District #3:	Al Bloemendaal, Republican
Sioux County Board of Supervisors District #4:	Mark Sybesma, Republican
Sioux County Auditor:	Ryan Dokter, Republican
Sioux County Sheriff:	Dan Altena, Republican

4) Committee Reports:

- **Sybesma** – Reported on the Housing Trust meeting and agency is working towards down payment options for those looking to purchase a home. Sybesma exited the meeting at 9:08 a.m.
- **Degen** – Attended the Conservation Board meeting on June 3. A settlement was reached with FEMA in regards to the driveway access to the Big Sioux Rec Area.
- **Bloemendaal** – Reported on the phone meeting with Mid-Sioux. Most of the staff is working from home currently.
- **Muilenburg** – Reported a Zoom meeting for Workforce Development. Reported that the Region is on schedule to meet July 1 deadlines for the formation of the Region.

5) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the claims as submitted by the County Auditor for June 9, 2020. Motion carried, one member absent.

6) Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Auditor, presented a County Buildings Restrictions During the COVID-19 Pandemic policy for Board consideration. The policy's purpose is to provide guidance as to when County buildings could open and how they will open during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently the County remains in Phase 1 of the policy in which the courthouse and Treasurer's office remain locked. Offices in the courthouse serve the public by appointment only, email, mail and drop box. The Treasurer's office serves the public by utilizing their drive-thru with limited hours, as well as email, mail and drop box. Dokter reported that a glass divider will be installed in his office, as well as the Recorder and Zoning offices. Dokter also reported that there were approximately 37 new cases of COVID-19 since June 1. Deb Fischer reported that in regards to the court services system, non-jury trials may resume July 13. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to remain in Phase 1 until July 1, 2020, but allow the departments flexibility in reopening to the public prior to that date. Motion carried, one member absent.

7) Shane Walter, CEO, Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS,

- Requested Board approval of the Mental Health Advocate Services Agreement Provided to Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Plymouth, and Sioux Counties (Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS). Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Requested Board approval of the Community Health Agreement for FY21. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the agreement.

8) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, reported that on a recent law passed by the Iowa legislature, which prohibits citizens that live within city limits, from serving on the Board of Adjustment and the Zoning Commission. This resulted in three vacancies in the Board of Adjustment and two in the Zoning Commission. Walter requested Board input for people to fill those vacancies and also work towards gender balance.

9) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested the Chairman’s signature on the contract for project L-3-2020—73-84. This contract was previously approved pending a review from the County Engineer.
- Requested Board approval of the following permit agreements: 1) Premier Communications to bury fiber optic cable in section 2 of Grant Township, 2) Longlines Communication to bury fiber optic cable in section 11 of Nassau Township in the city limits of Alton. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve both permit agreements. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Reported that Mid-American Energy is placing a power line in the State right-of-way, along highway 75, section 32 of Welcome Township. Julius reviewed the permit agreement for this project.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
- Reviewed the cold-in-place project and the three stages associated with that project (LFM-162).
- Chairman Muilenburg discussed a location near the Groth Pit that may have gravel available. Julius will contact landowner to do testing in that area.

10) Supervisor Vande Weerd requested a discussion on the County’s ATV/ORV ordinance to be on the next Board agenda. Auditor Dokter will contact the County Engineer, County Sheriff, and County Attorney in regards to this topic.

11) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

 Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
 Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
 Ryan Dokter
 Sioux County Auditor