

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2014

- 14-02-04 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on February 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma, and Dennis Wright.
- 14-02-04 2** Minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2014, were submitted, and the Chairman declared the minutes approved.
- 14-02-04 3** Coleman McAllister, County Attorney, reported that he has accepted a position with the State Attorney General's Office. He will provide assistance to County Attorneys who have difficult cases. He expressed appreciation for the kindness shown to him and his family. Sybesma expressed thanks on behalf of the citizens of the County to McAllister for his service and wished him well in the future.
- 14-02-04 4** Cathy Boonestro, Director of the Foster Grandparent and the Senior Companion programs, explained the benefits of the two programs. Forty-seven foster grandparents who are residents of Sioux County currently work with students. Eighteen seniors serve 143 clients in Sioux County. Boonestro requested \$5,000 in funding for FY 2014/2015, the same amount that has been requested in previous years.
- 14-02-04 5** Nate Huizenga, Emergency Management Director, told the Board that the ambulance replacement plan will expire in 2017. Huizenga and Degen met with cities which are recipients of the funding and reported that they are very appreciative. A new resolution combining previous plans is being written.
- 14-02-04 6** Micah Van Maanen, County IT Director, has been working with McAllister on preparing a 28-E agreement with O'Brien County. The purpose of the agreement would allow Van Maanen to work for O'Brien County on an as needed basis. Money would not change hands between counties. Van Maanen would work as an independent contractor for O'Brien County, until O'Brien County can hire a full time IT director. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to pass a 28-E agreement in concept, to be authorized later by the board. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- 14-02-04 7** Wright informed the Board that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors has requested that all counties support the passage of a bill to phase in a 10-cent per gallon increase in the fuel tax and other long term sustainable funding solutions and that the Governor encourage passage of this legislation and sign approval upon passage. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink, to support the aforementioned legislation. Roll Call on Vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors
Resolution

Sioux County Resolution 2014-02

WHEREAS, the Iowa Association of County Supervisors recognizes that a high quality transportation system serves as the artery for economic activity and that the condition of the infrastructure in the State of Iowa is a key element for our future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the State of Iowa's Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) is the fuel tax, which has not been significantly increased since 1989, while maintenance and construction costs have more than doubled during that same timeframe; and

WHEREAS, there have been several state-wide studies completed over the past 10 years identifying the requirement to significantly increase the amount of funding for the administration, maintenance and improvements to our state-wide public roadway system, including the 2006 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study called for by Governor Culver, the 2011 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study completed per 2011 Iowa Code Section 307.31, and the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) created by Governor Branstad; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 TIME-21 study documented the fact that under today's funding structure and highway usage, over 20% of the travel done in Iowa is by out-of-state drivers while only 13% of the state's road use revenues come from out of state drivers; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the implementation of the TIME-21 Fund in 2009 is inadequate to meet the critical maintenance and improvements needs for the State of Iowa's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, 95% of Road Use Tax Fund revenues are required by the Iowa Constitution to be spent only on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, due to the severe shortage in state funding to meet the critical needs of our roadway system, several Iowa counties have had to resort to issuing almost \$100 million in bonds to pay for their most critical maintenance needs, which will have to be paid off through property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Sioux County has issued \$5,000,000 in bonds to pay for our most critical roadway and bridge needs; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Council report to Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature identified the need for \$215 million per year of increased funding over the next 20 years, in addition to the funding being provided by the TIME-21 revenues, just to meet the most critical needs of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Roads Association, the Iowa County Engineer's Association, and numerous business related associations throughout Iowa have publically supported the call for increased RUTF funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Sioux County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the implementation of the 2011 Citizen's Advisory Council's recommendations to:

1. Increase the state fuel tax rates across the board by ten cents, over a period of no less than three years, resulting in an estimated \$184 million to \$230 million of additional annual revenue.
2. Increase the "Fee for New Registration" from five percent to six percent, raising this fee to a level consistent with the state sales tax, resulting in an estimated \$50 million of additional annual revenue.
3. Allocate new funding to go to the TIME-21 Fund up to the cap (\$225 million) and the remaining new funding should be distributed consistent with the Road Use Tax Fund distribution formula.

And, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Sioux County Board of Supervisors support the ongoing evaluation of creative, supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding

Resolved this 4th day of February, 2014

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

ATTEST: /s/Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor

14-02-04 8 Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director

- Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to name a portion of the road between sections 8 and 9 of Settlers Township as Ashley Avenue. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Distributed the January Service Expenditure Report. He anticipates a fund balance in excess of \$900,000 for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

14-02-04 9 County Auditor, Lois Huitink requested that the Board increase the per diem rate paid to Township Clerks and Trustees from \$15 to \$25, and also that Township Clerks be paid an hourly rate of \$10.00, not to exceed \$120.00 per Fiscal Year. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to increase compensation paid to Township Officials as requested. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

14-02-04 10 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Informed the Board that he accepted quotes on two 4x4 pickups from Mouw Motor in the amount of \$51,670.00 for the Secondary Road Department.
- Updated progress on gravel hauling.
- Reported that the work on K-52 south of Hull may need to be delayed because of restricted funding. Wright encouraged Julius to do what he could to facilitate improvements of that road.

14-02-04 11 Ross Simmelink, Sioux County Assessor asked the Board to deny applications for the Business Property Tax Credit. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to deny requests for BPTC. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Reason for Denial</u>
0110901247	Centrally Assessed Utility
0309003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
0509003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
3709003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
4109003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
5609003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
6009003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
6109003000	Centrally Assessed Utility
1335357016	Multi-Residential Property

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- **Degen** – Attended an Ambulance Association meeting in Hull. Noted that EMS day will be held on February 8 at Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City. EMT classes are scheduled in Sheldon and Rock Valley this year.

- **Bloemendaal** – Went to a Mid-Sioux meeting – nothing to report

14-02-04 13 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor