

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2014

14-10-28 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on October 28, 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.

14-10-28 2 Minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2014, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.

14-10-28 3 Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,

- Spoke about the recent court case in which a plea bargain was reached. Rochelle Sapp pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment resulting in the death of three-year old, Autumn Elgersma. Sapp entered an Alford plea to child endangerment with multiple acts. Kunstle stated that this was important information because other instances of abuse had not been made public prior to the plea agreement.
- Told the Board that last week a Law Enforcement Training Day was hosted by the county attorney's office. Seventy law enforcement officers attended this day long training program. In addition to sessions lead by members of the County Attorney's office, an instructor from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy spoke about domestic violence.
- Noted that two high school groups are coming this week to learn about the judicial system

14-10-28 4 Kim Westerholm, Director of Community Health Services, presented that agency's quarterly report. She reported that Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) are being done by Community Health Partners and all Sioux County hospitals. Flu clinics were held in Hawarden, Hull, Orange City, Rock Valley, and Sioux Center. A grant was received which will be used to purchase ChimeData (a comprehensive hospital database) and user agreements for area hospitals.

14-10-28 5 Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to move \$54,582.55 from the Auditor's Department Budget for FY 2014/15 to the IT Department. This amount will fund GIS Technician Wages and Expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

14-10-28 6 Shane Walter, Sioux Rivers Regional CEO,

- Told the Board that he spent last week in Des Moines fulfilling a requirement for training that will help assure that the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs is nationally recognized.
- Cherokee County is leaving the Sioux Rivers MH Region effective on December 31, 2014. Because of this reorganization, a new 28-E agreement will need to be written.

14-10-28 7 Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director, was asked to report on progress being made on hiring a new GIS Technician. Three candidates will be interviewed for the GIS position on Friday by Van Maanen and two members of the Board. Van Maanen reported that the county auction ends tonight at 7:00 p.m.

14-10-28 8 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested approval for the following permit agreements:
 - a. Rural Water System #1 – Install 4” joint pipe underneath 380th Street in Sections 25 and 36 of Plato Township; Section 31 of Welcome and 36 of Plato Townships; Sections 30 and 31 of Welcome Township; Section 31 of Welcome and 6 of West Branch Townships; and sections 29 and 32 of Welcome Township.
 - b. GS4 – Place fiber optic cable 5’ off the south right of way of 380th Street in sections 21 and 32 of Welcome Township.
 - c. Southern Sioux Rural Water in Eagle Township – Run a 3” water line in the right of way in sections 4 and 5 of Eagle Township.

Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve permit agreements as submitted by the County Engineer. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

- Told the Board about ongoing projects in the county. Construction projects planned for the summer of 2014 are complete.
- Reported that most of the information that FEMA requested in regard to road and bridge damages from this summer’s flooding have been submitted.
- Another railroad car will be used as a culvert in Sioux Township between Sections 3 and 10.
- Distributed the official Secondary Road report for 2014.
- Updated the Board on the proposed oil pipeline that would run through parts of the county. Julius and engineers from other affected counties are working on a standardized package from all counties in regard to this project.
- Northern Natural Gas will be closing four roads this fall for repair work.

14-10-28 9 Committee Reports

- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a NW Iowa Planning and Development meeting. Carol Keizer gave a report on the amount of money that has been spent on improvements. 2) Attended a RIDES meeting. Income for that organization is favorable largely because Medicaid can be charged for some of the rides that are given to Medicaid-covered facilities.
- **Kleinwolterink** – Sold the new crop of soybeans for \$9.00 a bushel. The yield was approximately 60 bushels per acre.
- **Wright** – 1) Attended the MH Regional Meeting with Sybesma via teleconference. 2) Went to the YES board meeting. A contract has been signed with Indian Reservations in South Dakota to provide services for juveniles. Thirteen individuals were housed at

the YES center from reservations last week. The facility has 15 total beds. Therefore the cash flow for the month has been very positive.

- **Sybesma** – Reported that funds are still available for use this year through the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund.

14-10-28 10 Claims as submitted by the auditor's office were approved for payment

14-10-28 11 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2014. This date and time were set because the canvass of the general election needs to be done prior to the board attending the 75th anniversary celebration of the Iowa State Association of Counties and because of the Veteran's Day Holiday on Tuesday, November 11.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor