

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2017**

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Mark Sybesma, Dennis Wright, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, and Al Bloemendaal.
- 2) The minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2017 were approved.
- 3) Claims were approved as submitted by the County Auditor.
- 4) Howard Hulshof, on behalf of the Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation District, made a funding request in the amount of \$7,070 for FY2019 to fund education related projects. Present for this discussion were Kendall Roetman, Mary Nyhof, Greg Marek, and John Kooiker. Hulshof shared information on the programs that the agency provides. The Board took no action on this request at this time.
- 5) On behalf of the Board, Chairman Sybesma presented Barbara Top with a plaque to show their appreciation for Top's 30 years of service on the Board of Health.
- 6) Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff, requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Plymouth County, Sioux County, the City of Le Mars, Cherokee County, and the City of Cherokee for law enforcement services for a SRT (Special Response Team). Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Supervisor Degen opened discussion in regards to the courthouse geothermal system. Present for this discussion were Jon Buitert representing EDA, Wes Hunold, representing Interstate Mechanical Corporation, and Dennis Vander Wel, Sioux County Head Custodian.
  - Degen raised concerns about how the system is not working as designed from the completion of the project 4 years ago and is looking for solutions to the problem.
  - Hunold offered to begin work on December 14, along with a service technician and a programmer from his company to go through the original specification documents and assumptions, and make any necessary adjustments to the system, at no cost to the County. Hunold would then meet with Buitert on the 15<sup>th</sup> to do spot checking on the system to ensure it is operating properly.
  - The assumption is that there are problems in the system's sequencing that need to be fixed.
  - Vander Wel has documentation of the issues and will provide those to IMC.
  - The Board relayed their appreciation to all parties for their cooperation in working towards a resolution of the problems.
- 8) Hugh Lively, Executive Director, RIDES, requested \$8,000 in funding for FY2019. Lively shared statistics with the Board on the utilization of their services and the costs associated with those services. Lively also shared projects that their agency is currently working on. The Board took no action on this funding request at this time.

9) Chairman Sybesma presented the Engineer's items as Sioux County Engineer, Doug Julius, could not attend the meeting.

- Presented a permit for Board consideration from HTC Communications to bury a telecommunications cable crossing L14 from section 24 of Holland Township to section 19 of Floyd Township. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- Presented an easement for Board consideration from Meadowvale Dairy for a waste water manure line in section 25 of Settlers Township. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the easement pending the approval of the easement plan by Sioux County Engineer, Doug Julius. Motion carried unanimously.
- Reported that gravel stockpiling is taking place from the Chatsworth Pit to the Maurice stockpile.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.

10) Joy Poppema, Sioux County Wellness Coordinator, requested approval of the Wellness Committee's recommendation as follows:

Wellness Committee's Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to renew the incentive plan for wellness participation, to allow for a 30% credit to the employees' share of health care premiums, to employees who participate, in full, in the plan Wellness Committee's plan to obtain maximum discount from Wellmark. Credit should be given to employees who participate fully in the wellness activities during the calendar year January 1 to October 31, 2018. Credit for participation should be applied to the premium beginning July 1, 2019. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Degen to approve the recommendation as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Rock Valley Mayor, Kevin Van Otterloo, and Rock Valley City Administrator, Tom Van Maanen requested county funding for an Enhance Iowa Grant for a proposed remodel of a building that would house an events center and City offices. The City recently purchased what was the K-Products building. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve \$15,000 in funding to the City of Rock Valley to be paid out over 3 fiscal years beginning in FY2019. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Committee Reports:

- **All Supervisors** – Attended a Board of Health meeting on December 6.
- **Sybesma & Wright** – Reported on the Sioux Rivers Mental Health meeting from December 5. A plan has been discussed on how to split the assets of the Region. The Region did not approve funding for \$659,000 for the Friendship House due to Woodbury County leaving the Region.
- **Wright** – Attended a Compass Pointe meeting on December 6.

13) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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