

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

- 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 Jerry Muilenburg, John Degen, Al Bloemendaal, and Carl Vande Weerd. Mark Sybesma was absent.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 3) Rachel Brunsting, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the special election results from the Rock Valley CSD bond issue from September 13, 2022. The bond needed 60% approval in order to pass. The cost of the election was \$3,242.62. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the canvass of the Rock Valley CSD Special Election results from September 13, 2022. Motion carried, one member absent.

PROPOSITION TO

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Rock Valley Community School District in the Counties of Sioux and Lyon, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to be used together with sales tax revenue to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a high school addition to the existing facility, including a related parking lot and other site improvements; and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing facility and site?

YES	712	57.61%
NO	524	42.39%

The public measure failed to pass.

- 4) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for September 20, 2022 as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 5) Shane Walter, Sioux County Zoning Director, brought forward an ARPA application to purchase a vehicle for his department. The current vehicle's transfer case went out and is expensive to replace. Walter also has concern using his personal vehicle on county gravel roads due to the additional wear and tear on the vehicle.

Supervisor Vande Weerd wants to be cautious with approving more ARPA funding until cost estimates are received for office remodel projects. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to pursue repair options for the current vehicle. Motion carried, one member absent.

- 6) Supervisor Bloemendaal initiated discussion regarding Operation Green Light, which is being sponsored by NACo. The intention of this program is to raise awareness and give recognition to veterans. Currently, there are approximately 1,400 veterans in Sioux County that receive direct financial assistance from Veteran's Affairs for disability and claims totaling approximately \$9 million. Some ways the county can support this program and raise awareness are by placing a green film over some lights to shine a green light during the week of November 7 through 13, passing a proclamation, and sending in a letter to the editor. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to support this initiative. Motion carried, one member absent.
- 7) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion regarding the Fair Board's request to receive all revenue from the former Sioux Center Airport, which includes land rent, home rent, and

runway lease from Zomer Auctions. The Fair Board would also handle grass and weed control on the property. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the Fair Board's request to receive all income from the former Sioux Center Airport contingent upon the Fair Board carrying the insurance policy on the property and structures. Motion carried, one member absent.

The County Attorney will work with the insurance representative on forming an agreement for the Fair Board to receive the rental income as well as language to address the insurance for the property.

8) Supervisor Vande Weerd initiated discussion regarding the retaining wall at the new Public Health building. Vande Weerd reported that the adjacent property owner will repair the wall at their expense since his actions caved in part of the wall.

9) Committee Reports:

- **Degen** – 1) Reported that the service agreement with Trane for the courthouse chiller has expired and is proposing to sign a 3-year agreement with Trane for continued service. Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to sign the 3-year agreement for the chiller system with Trane. Motion carried, one member absent. 2) Reported that some evergreens are dying on the courthouse property and will be removed. 3) Reminded the Board of the state park classic car tour coming up on September 26. This tour will be in Oak Grove that day.
- **Vande Weerd** – 1) Attended a YES Board meeting on September 16. The facility continues to see high use and has some Sioux County youth being served there. The transportation service is going well. 2) Attended an Advisory Board meeting with Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region. Brenna Koedam was introduced as the next CEO of the Region. 3) Reported that the District 3 Supervisors will have a meeting in Storm Lake in early December. 4) Updated the Board on the progress of the remodel of the new Public Health building.
- **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a Northwest Iowa Planning and RIDES meeting in Spencer on September 15. RIDES has requests for transporting kids from the YMCA in Spencer and will need to purchase another bus to accommodate that. 2) Reported that an Economic Development meeting will be held in Sanborn at Vander Haags on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Muilenburg** – 1) Reported on the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment meeting from September 12. Hoogland and Maassen Dairy Farms both received approval for digestors and Mark Sneller received approval on a permit to sell machinery. 2) Reported on the recent Landfill meeting. The agency has completed closing old cells and new cells have been open for a few months now. Work has begun on installing a fence to control debris that is blown around. Evora was approved to write the 5-year plan for compliance.
- **Bloemendaal, Muilenburg, & Vande Weerd** – Reported that they were part of the first class to complete the Certified County Supervisor Program through the Iowa State Association of Counties.

10) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,

- Introduced new employee Becky Visser.
- Requested Board approval for a utility permit agreement from Northwest REC to install an overhead electric line to a new dairy site in section 19 in Sherman Township

and section 13 of Reading Township. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.

- Requested Board approval for a utility permit agreement from Cleveringa Excavating to place a 6” waterline in section 13 of West Branch Township. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Requested Board approval for a utility permit agreement from Dwight Sipma for a waterline to be placed in section 29 and 30 of Grant Township. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the permit agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Requested Board approval of the Certificate of Completion and Final Acceptance for the County Home Demolition project. Motion by Degen and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the Certificate of Completion and Final Acceptance. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Requested Board approval for a County Bridge Program SWAP Funding Agreement for project BRS-SWAP-C084(170)—FF-84 for the B30 Rock River bridge replacement. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the funding agreement. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Updated the Board on the following construction projects: the B46 PCC overlay is about 90% complete and the Jay Avenue project was completed and opened again September 7.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.

**11) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,**

- Reported that he will work with Tim Zeutenhorst with Van Engelenhoven Agency on forming agreements for the County Fair for insurance purposes.
- Requested Board approval to dispose of the books in the law library in the courthouse. These books are no longer used as attorneys have access to case law online. The books and shelves take up space which could be used for other purposes if the books are disposed of. Kunstle proposed that a notice be sent out to the local bar association so attorneys could take books and also advertise to the public. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to dispose of the books. Motion carried, one member absent.
- Reported that he is going through the judicial interview process and has an interview with Governor Reynolds on Friday.
- Updated the Board on the progress of hiring a second assistant county attorney. That process has been paused for now.
- Kunstle will do research the RNG natural gas pipeline to help determine if this pipeline is classified as a public utility and therefore would be allowed to be placed in the county right-of-way.

**12) Motion by Degen and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. until Tuesday, September 27, 2022.**

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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