

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of Sioux County, IA, met at 9:00 AM with chairperson Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were Muilenburg, Craig Hoftzyer, John Degen, Carl Vande Weerd & Dan Altena.
- Agenda for the 12/10/24 meeting submitted. Motion to approve by Altena supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Minutes of the 12/03/24 meeting presented. Motion to approve by Hoftzyer supported by Vande Weerd. Unanimous.
- An updated lease agreement between Community Health Partners (CHP) and Sioux County is presented. Lease is for partial use of county owned 705 Highway 10 west property in Orange City for the period of 01/01/25 – 06/30/26 and has a lease extension provision. Monthly rent = \$2000. Motion to approve by Hoftzyer supported by Degen.
- Howard Hulshof, representing Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) gives a brief overview and asks for a FY2026 funding of \$4000 which is the same funding given in FY2025.
- Deb Rensink, representing Whispers of Love, Hope and Joy discusses things happening with this organization and notes their goals and strategies in serving women and children survivors of domestic violence. Presents a FY2026 funding request for \$30,000. FY2025 funding was \$5000.
- Claims for 12/10/24 presented. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Committee Reports:
 - o VandeWeerd–discusses attorney conference room remodel progress and future remodeling.
 - o Altena-No report.
 - o Degen–Emergency Management Services (EMS) meeting-EMS is considering having Sioux County declare EMS as an essential service at the local level following recent revisions to Iowa Code 422D, 357F & 357G-very early in this process but essentially would be a levy to support EMS services in the county. Also attended Conservation meeting-Director Klocke will present on those discussions later in this meeting. Also represented BOS in a personnel meeting to discuss recruitment of a replacement EMS Director.
- Shane Walter, Planning & Zoning Director presents Resolution 2024-41 Zoning Amendment Subdivision waiver. Public hearing opened. No public comment. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena to approve. Voice votes. Muilenburg (Yes), Hoftzyer (Yes), Degen (Yes), Altena (Yes) and Vande Weerd (Yes). Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Degen to waive any future readings of Resolution 2024-41. Unanimous. Resolution 2024-38 Rezone VanderPol is presented. Public hearing opened. No public comment. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Degen to approve. Voice votes. Muilenburg (Yes), Hoftzyer (Yes), Degen (Yes), Altena (Yes) and Vande Weerd (Yes). Resolution 2024-39 Rezone Kats is presented. Public hearing opened. No public comment. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena to approve. Voice votes. Muilenburg (Yes), Hoftzyer (Yes), Degen (Yes), Altena (Yes) and Vande Weerd (Yes). Resolution 2024-40 Rezone Beukelman is presented. Public hearing opened. No public comment. Motion by Altena supported by Hoftzyer to approve. Voice votes. Muilenburg (Yes), Hoftzyer (Yes), Degen (Yes), Altena (Yes) and Vande Weerd (Yes). Walter also gives general information on letters to FEMA regarding grants for Sioux County.
- Rob Klocke, Conservation Director discusses a contract\28E agreement detailing a joint position between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Sioux County Conservation (SCC). The position to be funded 80% DNR and 20% SCC. Position will help county with land/habitat management, training and education at Oak Grove and would lead to some equipment sharing between the 2 parties. Klocke gives some budgetary estimates of the cost. Position would be in place until 06\30\27 and then would need approval for continuance. Hiring will need to be done. Motion to approve the contract\28E agreement is made by Altena supported by Vande Weerd. Unanimous.
- Kurt Franje, representing Siouxland Habitat for Humanity updates on his organization. Notes how area flooding will push their mindset more towards repair and remodel projects in the near term. Presents a FY2026 funding request for \$5000 which is the same funding given in FY2025.
- Joel Sikkema, County Engineer, discusses Harrison Avenue grading, De Raad gravel pit mining, K30 grading, K52 culvert extension and gravel stockpiling. Notes the purchase of 2 used fleet trucks and updates on some overall miscellaneous items that continue to be on the agenda of secondary roads.
- Compensation committee discussions from prior week continued. Michelle Monsma, Human Resources (HR) Director notes that the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) provides a quarterly report regarding average civilian wage increases. The most recent report covers 10/1/23 – 09/30/24 and says 3.9% is the average increase given nationwide. Jamie Van Voorst, County Sheriff presents law enforcement wage comparison as required by the Iowa Back the Blue code. Motion

is made by Hoftyzer to use a 6% budgetary increase for the sheriff and a 3.5% budgetary increase for all other elected officials. Recommendation is for FY2026 budgetary purposes only. Motion is supported by Vande Weerd. Unanimous.

- Committee Reports (continued):
 - o Hoftyzer–Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services meeting attended-a new Director and new assistant Director have been put in place. Board of Health (BOH) meeting attended-State realignment of this Board has been pushed back 1 year.
 - o Muilenburg-Board of Adjustment (BOA) and Planning and Zoning meetings attended.
- Motion to adjourn by Altena supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous. Adjourned at approximately 12:10 PM.

Attest: _____

/s/ Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman, Sioux County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Joe E Van Tol, Sioux County Auditor

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