MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **JULY 8, 2025**

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of Sioux County, IA, met at 9:00 AM with chairperson Jerry Muilenburg presiding. The members present were Muilenburg, Craig Hoftyzer, John Degen, Dan Altena (via Teams) & Carl Vande Weerd.
- Agenda for the 07/08/25 meeting submitted. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Minutes for the 07/01/25 meeting presented. Motion to approve by Hoftyzer supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Supervisor Vande Weerd discusses the 2024 flooding buyout application to FEMA and a revision to include 1995 350th Street, Rock Valley (home parcel) as an active instead of inactive property as it now appears to meet the buyout requirements. Motion by Vande Weerd to approve supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Jamie Van Voorst, County Sheriff, gives background information on and introduces newly hired deputy Gabriel Rathbun. Motion to approve the hire by Altena supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous. Rathbun is congratulated and welcomed.
- Supervisor Vande Weerd updates on the sale of Sioux Rivers vehicles and notes that Planning and Zoning (P&Z) needs a pickup after their vehicle was totaled in an accident. Motion is made by Vande Weerd to use the Sioux County portion of the proceeds from Sioux Rivers vehicle sale plus the insurance proceeds from totaled vehicle to purchase a 2014 chevy pickup for P & Z and is supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous.
- Jamie Van Voorst, County Sheriff, gives background information on and introduces newly hired Emergency Management Services(EMS) Coordinator Ryan Dekruyf. Motion is made to approve the hire by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous. Dekruyf is congratulated and welcomed.
- Tom Kunstle, County Attorney, notes a longstanding court case from 2004 and the neglect of guilty party to pay court ordered restitution. The guilty party was recently held in contempt of court (complete details can be found on Sioux County Attorney Facebook page). Much work was put into this case by the Sioux County Sheriffs department and Sioux County Attorneys office. The Board thanks both department leaders for their diligence and dedication in this case and other difficult cases.
- Dave Winterfield, representing the Sioux County Ag Expo board, updates on the Ag Expo grounds, donation progress and general happenings. There is much happening and the Ag Expo board requests that Sioux County fund the hire of a full-time employee at the Ag Expo for the first 2 – 3 years. That person would be the point of contact for the Ag Expo property and the things that take place there. Motion is made by Vande Weerd to do this with a $100,000 total cap (salary and benefits) with a 3-year limit as a county employee. Motion is then amended to give support to the Ag Expo to begin the hiring process knowing that the county will support this position financially. This motion is supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous.
- Resolution 2025-37 Appropriations Resolution presented. Motion is to approve by Hoftyzer supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Claims are presented. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Committee Reports: Vande Weerd – Remodel update given Hoftyzer – No report Degen – No report
  Altena – No report Muilenburg – No report
- Joel Sikkema, County Engineer, along with representatives from city of Sioux Center present the idea of possibly working with the DOT to adjust the current plan for roadwork at the Highway 75 and B30 intersection (Middleburg corner). Discussions are held regarding city\county funding of some additional work at this intersection. There may also be some regional funding available for part of the project (possibly 50%). County\city officials believe the additional work to be safety enhancements to the current plan. A drawing with these safety enhancements is presented that includes enhancements traveling from both the north and the south of B30 on Highway 75. It is noted that the DOT maintains full control and it is also noted that the State of Iowa, over the past few years, has tightened local government funding significantly and giving money towards a state project feels difficult. Motion made by Vande Weerd to support the south of B30 safety enhancement only subject to regional funding being available is supported by Altena. Motion is passed with a vote of 4-1. Supervisor Muilenburg votes against. Sikkema also discusses damage to a timber bridge that is currently closed and a general discussion on bridges of this type is held.
- Motion to adjourn by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous. Adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

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/s/ Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman, Sioux County Board of Supervisors /s/ Joe E Van Tol, Sioux County Auditor

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