

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**JANUARY 2, 2026**

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of Sioux County, IA, met at 9 AM with County Auditor Joe E. Van Tol chairing until a 2026 Chair is appointed. Members present include Jerry Muilenburg, John Degen, Craig Hoftzyer, Dan Altena & Carl Vande Weerd.
- Van Tol calls for nominations for the BOS Chair. Motion made by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer to maintain Muilenburg as chair. Unanimous. Muilenburg chairs the meeting going forward. Nominations called for BOS Vice Chair. Motion by Degen supported by Altena for Hoftzyer as Vice Chair. Unanimous.
- Minutes 12-16 BOS meeting presented. Motion by Altena supported by Hoftzyer to approve. Unanimous.
- Motion by Altena to appoint Nate Huizenga as Sioux County Sheriff effective immediately. Support from Vande Weerd. Unanimous.
- Motion by Hoftzyer to temporarily adjourn for swearing in ceremony of Sheriff Huizenga supported by Vande Weerd. Unanimous.
- Motion to readjourn by Degen supported by Hoftzyer. Unanimous.
- Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer for 2026 committee assignments to remain same as 2025 with the notation that the Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health Board no longer exists and the NW Iowa Regional Housing Authority and NW Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund are 3-year terms (2026 – 2028). Unanimous.

Committee	2026		
	Member	Member	Alternate
Board of Health Liaison	Hoftzyer		Vande Weerd
Cherokee Mental Health Institute - Advisory Committee	Muilenburg		Vande Weerd
County Buildings and Grounds	Muilenburg	Vande Weerd	
County Communications & Emergency Management	Degen	Muilenburg	Vande Weerd
County Farm	Muilenburg		Hoftzyer
County Personnel and Policy	Muilenburg	Degen	
Creative Living Center	Vande Weerd		Hoftzyer
Dept. of Human Services Service Area Advisory Board	Hoftzyer		
Mid Sioux Opportunity	Altena		Muilenburg
Northwest Iowa Regional Development	Vande Weerd		Muilenburg
Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission	Altena		Muilenburg
NW IA Area Solid Waste Agency	Muilenburg		Vande Weerd
Officers to Sign Farm Service Agency Papers	Hoftzyer		Muilenburg
REAP, Conservation Board Liaison	Degen		Vande Weerd
Regional Airport Board	Altena	Muilenburg	Joel Sikkema
Regional Transit Authority	Altena	Muilenburg	
Safety Committee	Muilenburg		
Security Committee	Degen	Muilenburg	
Sioux County Ag Expo	Hoftzyer		Vande Weerd
Sioux County Trails	Altena		Hoftzyer
Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services	Hoftzyer		Muilenburg
Wellness Committee	Muilenburg		
Youth Emergency Services Board (YES)	Vande Weerd		
Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority	Hoftzyer		
Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund	Hoftzyer		

- County positions for 2026 presented with unanimous approval for each as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>2026</b>	
County Engineer	Joel Sikkema	Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Degen
County Weed Commissioner	Joel Sikkema	Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena
County Veterans Affairs Director	Kathi Wetter	Motion by Altena supported by Degen
County Zoning Administrator, Community Services Director, General Services Director & Environmental Health Administrator	Shane Walter	Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena
County Board of Health	Keri Frick	Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Degen
Planning & Zoning Commission	Sheri Bootsma	Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Vande Weerd
County Conservation Board	Jason Smith	Motion by Altena supported by Degen
Civil Service Commission	Kim Scorza	Motion by Altena supported by Hoftzyer
Loess Hills Development & Conservation Authority	Rob Klocke	Motion by Degen supported by Altena

- During the above approvals it is noted that Thomas Kunstle, County Attorney, recommends Kim Scorza as the attorney representative on the Civil Service Commission and notes ideas for candidates for that same commission as one of the BOS representatives to fill a vacancy are needed. Also, it is noted that Lorna Easton is retiring after 46 years as a representative on the Sioux County Board of Adjustments (BOA). Thank you, Lorna!
- Kunstle also asks for formal approval of the hiring of Kelsey Van De Berg as a clerk in the attorney office. Motion to approve by Altena supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- County Condemnation Commission for 2026 list presented with the notation that there remains 1 opening for Real Estate Owner City. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer. Unanimous.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Description</b>
Mr.	Woudstra	Brandon	3555 420th St	Orange City	Iowa	51041	Banker
Mr.	Hansen	Gregory	104 6th Ave S	Hospers	Iowa	51238	Banker
Mr.	Lauters	Tony	1204 10th St	Hawarden	Iowa	51023	Banker
Mr.	Van Oort	Dennis	121 Pleasant View Dr	Ireton	Iowa	51027	Banker
Mr.	Wiggins	Michael	1714 Avenue N	Hawarden	Iowa	51023	Banker
Mr.	Jeff	Elgersma	805 Golf Course Road	Rock Valley	Iowa	51247	Banker
Mr.	Riley	Niemeyer	806 Meadow Drive	Boyden	Iowa	51234	Banker
Mrs.	De Weerd	Donna	628 S. Meadow Dr	Sioux Center	Iowa	51250	Real Estate Broker
Mr.	Ericson	Todd	1620 Avenue M	Hawarden	Iowa	51023	Real Estate Broker
Ms.	Moret	Emily	904 6th St SW	Orange City	Iowa	51041	Real Estate Broker
Mr.	Pluim	Dale	608 1st St SW	Orange City	Iowa	51041	Real Estate Broker
Mr.	Krommendyk	Donald	3420 320th St	Hull	Iowa	51239	Real Estate Broker
Mr.	Zomer	Mark	1946 320th St	Rock Valley	Iowa	51247	Real Estate Broker
Ms.	Jansen	Jennifer	3177 350th St	Hull	Iowa	51239	Real Estate Broker
Mr.	Aalbers	Brent	208 Homestead Ln	Alton	Iowa	51003	Real Estate Owner City
Mr.	Van Roekel	Les	1421 Cedar St	Hull	Iowa	51239	Real Estate Owner City

Mr.	Hulstein	Greg	1497 Crown Ridge Dr	Sioux Center	Iowa	51250	Real Estate Owner City
Mr.	Korver	TJ	205 Martin Dr NE	Orange City	Iowa	51041	Real Estate Owner City
Mr.	Ruhland	Russ	1505 Falcon Dr	Hawarden	Iowa	51023	Real Estate Owner City
Mr.	Porter	Randy	1705 14th St	Rock Valley	Iowa	51247	Real Estate Owner City
Mr.	Kellen	Jerry	4649 Kennedy Ave	Alton	Iowa	51003	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Schmidt	Scott	3289 Lily Ave	Sheldon	Iowa	51201	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Van Kley	Pete	4187 410th St	Alton	Iowa	51003	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Von Arb	Mark	4631 470 <sup>th</sup> Street	Granville	Iowa	51022	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Schouten	Micah	3717 Harrison Ave	Sioux Center	Iowa	51250	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Sybesma	Mark	2980 350th Street	Hull	Iowa	51239	Real Estate Owner Township
Mr.	Peters	Dennis	2881 Ave D	Hawarden	Iowa	51023	Real Estate Owner Township

- Motion to approve Sue Reimers as Sheridan Township Clerk made by Hoftzyer supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Dave Dykstra as West Branch Township Clerk made by Altena supported by Hoftzyer. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Stephanie Wollmuth as Clerk of Court made by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous
- Van Tol notes applications received to be an official 2026 Sioux County newspaper. The Sioux County Capital Democrat, The Sioux Center News and The Siouxland Press have been determined to be the 2026 official Sioux County newspapers. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Resolution 2025-01, Depository Resolution presented. Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Degen. Voice votes. All yes.
- Resolution 2025-02, Master Matrix Resolution presented. Motion by Altena supported by Hoftzyer. Voice votes. All yes.
- Resolution 2025-03, Appoint Engineer presented. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftzyer. Voice votes. All yes.
- Resolution 2025-04, Utilities Resolution presented. Motion by Hoftzyer supported by Degen. Voice votes. All yes.
- Resolution 2025-05, Set Public Hearing to sell Property in South Dakota presented. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Voice votes. All yes.
- Resolution 2025-07, Vacate section of Garfield Ave presented. Motion by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Voice votes. All yes.
- Kurt Franje, representing Siouxland Habitat for Humanity, discusses operations and a temporary 2024/2025 focus change to repair/remodel operations due to 2024 flooding in parts of the county. They have plans to build a new house in Orange City in 2026. FY2027 funding request is \$6000 for this organization.

**Committee reports:**

- **Vande Weerd**-remodel update, attended District 3 Supervisors meeting
- **Altena** – Northwest Iowa Development and Planning (NWIPDC) meeting attended
- **Degen** – District 3 Supervisors meeting
- **Hoftzyer** – District 3 Supervisors meeting – will be the District 3 President for 2026
- **Muilenburg** – No report
- General discussions reviewing agency funding and what funding to libraries is required by Iowa code versus amounts that Sioux County has historically funded libraries. The amount for FY2027 that Sioux County is required by Iowa code to fund libraries using current valuations will be calculated by the County Auditor and presented to the BOS. A question from the public regarding requirements for a meeting quorum were also held.
- Motion to adjourn by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous. Adjourned at approximately 10:25 AM.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Joe E Van Tol, Sioux County Auditor

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