

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026

- 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, Craig Hoftzyer, John Degen, Dan Altena and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) All rise with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- 3) Agenda for the February 10, 2026, meeting was submitted. Motion to approve by Hoftzyer and supported by Degen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2026, were submitted. VandeWeerd requested to make one change regarding use of the Courthouse's second-floor judicial office. Motion to approve the amended minutes by Vande Weerd and supported by Altena. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director,
 - Reviewed the FY2027 IT Budget with the Board.
 - Discussed the outlook for IT in FY27 and beyond with upcoming projects and possible impact of costs with the increase of AI.
- 6) Kathi Wetter, Sioux County Veterans Affairs Director,
 - Reviewed the FY2027 VA Budget with the Board.
 - Discussed the implementation of a Rollover Fund for VA Contributions that will carry over fiscal years.
- 7) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,
 - Reviewed the FY2027 Attorney Budget with the Board.
 - Discussed 2025 Sioux County Crime Statistics and how there has been a gentle sloped increase in criminal cases over the past three years.
- 8) As this was the date, February 10, 2026, and time, 10:03 a.m. for a public hearing regarding the possible reclassification of the Te Slaa/PK Kids Property south of Hull, the Chairman opened the public hearing. This public hearing was to determine if Resolution 2024-41 Zoning Amendment Subdivision Waiver would apply to the Te Slaa/PK Kids Property. Public comments were received by Kyle Te Slaa, owner of the property involved in the reclassification. Public hearing was closed by the chairman. Both concerns and benefits were discussed by the Board. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer to approve the following Resolution 2026-11 to Reclassify the Te Slaa/PK Kids Property (One Parcel) from Agriculture (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). Roll call vote was Vande Weerd, Yes; Altena, Yes; Degen, Yes; Hoftzyer, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hoftzyer and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the following Resolution 2026-12 to Reclassify the Te Slaa/PK Kids Property (Two Parcels) from Agriculture (AG) to Residential Single Family (RS). Roll call vote was Vande Weerd, Yes; Altena, Yes; Degen, Yes; Hoftzyer, Yes; Muilenburg, No. Motion carried 4-1.

- 9) As this was the date, February 10, 2026, and time, 10:20 a.m. for a public hearing to Discuss Approving 320th St Grading Project and Authorize Condemnation by Resolution, the chairman opened the public hearing. Public comments were received about concerns regarding the grading project and how it would affect certain property. Further discussion was also had regarding potential for future paving and increased traffic, along with other costs vs benefits. Public hearing was closed by the chairman. Motion made by Vande Weerd and supported by Altena to approve Resolution 2026-13 Approve 320th St Grading Project and Authorize Condemnation. Roll call vote was Vande Weerd, Yes; Altena, Yes; Degen, Yes; Hoftzyer, Yes; Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer:
- Presented Bids for the De Raad farmland lease. The bids were as follows: Todd Henrich, Le Mars - \$515.00 per acre; Arlin Kuiken, Orange City - \$471.10 per acre; John Maassen, Rock Valley - \$400.00 per acre; Jared & Darin Kooima, Rock Valley - \$350.00 per acre. Motion by Altena and supported by Hoftzyer to accept the Todd Henrich bid of \$515.00 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Shared that Sioux County was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Traffic Safety Improvement Program for sign replacement. Sikkema also reviewed upcoming schedule and projects for secondary roads.
- 11) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, Presented the Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report and an update on the new Kiosk being used in the Treasurer's Office.
- 12) Nate Huizenga, Sioux County Sheriff, presented a proposal to add a new jailer position. Due to an increase in jail population (including federal inmates) and an increase in prisoner transports, a need for adding another position was identified. This new position would also help in reducing part-time shifts as well as overtime for current shifts. The proposal would be approximately \$100,000 with salary and benefits and would take effect starting FY2027. Motion by Altena and supported by Vande Weerd to approve adding an additional jailer position in FY2027. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13) Michelle Monsma, Sioux County HR Director,
- Presented the Board with health insurance renewal options for FY2027. The County is currently on a PPO plan. There is also the option for a POS plan. After reviewing the statistics and differences between the two plans, a motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer was made to keep Sioux County on the PPO plan for FY2027 as it would only increase 1.14%. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Reviewed Partial Self-Funding HRA Comparisons and Current Status
 - Provided an overview of the 2026 Wellness Program. The program would require employees to complete certain requirements to earn an 8-hour wellness day. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the 2026 Wellness Program and Authorize the 8-Hour Wellness Day. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Presented a request to payout comp time. With the addition of a second Comp Time Bank, employees have the possibility of accumulating 80 hours instead of 40 or 45 (Sheriff Dept) hours in each comp time bank. There has been a request to allow, with the discretion of department heads, employees to get their Comp time paid out when employees have a total of 40 hours or 45 hours (Sheriff Dept) between the two comp-time banks of Tax-Deductible and Non-Tax-Deductible. Motion by Hoftzyer and supported by Vande Weerd to allow, with the discretion of department heads, employees to get their Comp time paid out when employees

have a total of 40 hours or 45 hours (Sheriff Dept) between the two comp time banks. Motion carried unanimously.

14) Discussed the Five Year Extension for the Hull Liberty Heights 3rd Addition Urban Renewal Area. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Altena to approve the Five Year extension for Hull Liberty Heights 3rd Addition Urban Renewal Area. Motion carried unanimously.

15) Claims for 02/10/26 are presented. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

16) Continued discussion on if the FY2027 wage increases should be a fixed amount or percentage. Discussion included pros and cons to each option and how it would affect both hourly and salaried employees. The Board tabled the discussion after requesting to review more comparisons.

17) Committee Reports:

- Hoftzyer – Attended Farm Bureau Meeting, Iowa State Association of Supervisors Meeting and the Gridshock Film sponsored by the Sheriff’s Office
- Degen - Attended Farm Bureau Meeting, Iowa State Association of Supervisors Meeting and Conservation Board Meeting
- Muilenburg - Attended Farm Bureau Meeting, Iowa State Association of Supervisors Meeting and County Wellness Meeting
- Altena – Attended Mid-Sioux Meeting
- Vande Weerd – Provided update on elevator maintenance and security camera/audio update for the courthouse.

18) Motion by Degen and supported by Altena to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. until Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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

Attest _____
/s/ Linda Wynia
Sioux County Deputy Auditor

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