

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 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 March 3, 2026, meeting was submitted. Motion to approve by Degen and supported by Altena. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2026, were submitted. Motion to approve the minutes by Altena and supported by Degen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Linda Wynia, Sioux County Deputy Auditor, reviewed the following FY2027 budgets with the Board: Board of Supervisors, Auditor, and miscellaneous expense and revenue budgets. Wynia shared with the Board the biggest increases in these budgets stem from higher insurance and auditing firm costs.
- 6) Supervisor Altena initiated discussion about having designated, private meeting spaces for advocacy groups. With the installation of audio surveillance in the Courthouse, there was concern about needing spaces for private conversations. Rooms, such as the law library, jury lounge and boardroom would work if available. Discussion moved to who would have access to the audio surveillance recordings. During a Courthouse Security meeting held last week, it was recommended that nobody would have unfettered access to the audio recordings. If a need arises to obtain the audio recordings for investigative purposes, a request would need to be filed jointly with the Sheriff's Office and Attorney's Office. This policy will be presented at the March 10 board meeting for further discussion.
- 7) Chairman Muilenburg began discussion on the agency requests for FY2027. Below is the list of organizations and amounts of funding to be allocated to them in FY27:
 - CAASA: \$6,000
 - Elderbridge Agency on Aging: \$15,000
 - Family Crisis Center: \$21,000
 - Foster Grandparent Program: \$10,000
 - Habitat for Humanity: \$6,000
 - Hospers Area EMS: \$5,000 (Year 3 of 3 agreement)
 - Mid-Sioux Opportunity: \$15,000
 - Sioux County Regional Airport: \$130,000
 - Regional Transit Authority (RIDES): \$6,000
 - Rock Valley City Park Renovation: \$5,000 (Year 3 of 3 agreement)
 - Sioux Center City Lil Whispy Golf: \$5,000 (Year 3 of 3 agreement)
 - Sioux County Libraries: \$300,000
 - Sioux County Soil and Water Conservation: \$2,500
 - Sioux County Youth Fair: \$25,000
 - Sioux County Ag Expo Facility/Operations Mgmt: \$100,000 (Year 2 of 3 agreement)
 - Whispers of Love, Hope and Joy/Genesis House: \$10,000

- Motion made by Vande Weerd and supported by Altena to approve the above list of funding for organizations for the FY2027 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer:

- Presented Resolution 2026-15 Accept PCC Overlay Project FM-C084(183) to be approved by the Board. This project would involve PCC Overlay on B40 from K64 east approximately 7.4 miles to Hospers Drive. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-15 and accept the low bid (\$3,010,419.51) from Croell Inc for Project FM-C084(183) was made by Hoftzyer and supported by Degen. Roll call vote: Hoftzyer, Yes: Degen, Yes: Altena, Yes: Vande Weerd, Yes: Muilenburg, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Updated the Board on the sale of the County's South Dakota Property. Motion was made by Vande Weerd and supported by Hoftzyer to approve the sale price of \$13,700/acre for the property. Motion carried unanimously.
- Informed the Board of the BUILD Grant proposal that was submitted for the east Alton bridge. Proposal could potentially cut down the cost of the project which would be split with Alton. If funded, the letting would potentially be in October 2029.
- Update FEMA flood recovery funding. The County received another \$1 million from FEMA last week. Dogwood Ave and the 280th St Bridge funding was requested contingent on a feasibility study.
- Explained what TIME-21 is as it pertains to the secondary roads budget. (Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century Transportation Funding Act). TIME-21 are funds from the State that are from increased registration fees on cars, trucks and trailers.

9) Committee Reports:

- Hoftzyer – Attended a Strategic Planning Meeting for the Sioux County Ag Expo. Plans are to hopefully start with developing Ag Buildings. It was also reported that Peoples Bank has committed to donate to the Expo's Pavillion.
- Degen – Attended a Courthouse Security Meeting.
- Altena – Attended a Mid-Sioux Meeting
- Vande Weerd – Attended NACO. Reported on various meetings with legislators. There is movement in FEMA funding being allocated to Northwest Iowa, including the flood affected areas of Rock Valley and Hawarden.
- Muilenburg – Attended a Courthouse Security Meeting.

10) Motion by Altena and supported by Hoftzyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

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

Attest _____
/s/ Linda Wynia
Sioux County Deputy Auditor

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