MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **OCTOBER 27, 2026**

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of Sioux County, IA, met at 9:00 AM with chairperson Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were Muilenburg, Craig Hoftyzer, John Degen, Dan Altena & Carl Vande Weerd.
- All rise with Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- Agenda for meeting presented. Motion to approve by Degen supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous.
- Minutes for 10/13/26 meeting submitted. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Shane Walter, Planning & Zoning(P&Z) Director, begins discussions on a proposed amendment to the Sioux County Zoning Ordinance-Data Center Design Standard. Walter gives an overview of the amendment again emphasizing that it would make any proposed Data Center the most highly regulated industry in the county. Public Hearing #3 of 3 is opened by the BOS Chairman. Multiple questions and comments are presented to Walter and the BOS including comments regarding information on closed loop systems, once they get into Northwest Iowa they will likely expand, why no interaction with Lewis & Clark Water Systems, it appears data center decisions are being hastily made, AI may take over jobs in the local area, what isn't addressed in the amendment, surveillance technology that comes with data centers, public accountability, electric rate pricing concerns and electrical loads. Public Hearing is then closed. Supervisor Altena expresses his thoughts against this amendment and the related resolution. Resolution 2026-41 Amendment to Ordinance #1 (Zoning Ordinance) is presented. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd is supported by Hoftyzer. Voice votes are 4 yes and 1 no with Altena voting against. Resolution 2026-42 Rescinding Resolution 2026-36 regarding a moratorium on data centers and BESS in the unincorporated portions of Sioux County, IA is presented. Motion to approve by Hoftyzer supported by Degen. Voice votes are 4 yes and 1 no with Altena voting against.
- Supervisor Vande Weerd discusses the need to upgrade the onsite maintenance garage doors, Community Health Partners (CHP) building water drainage new plan at a cost of approximately $17,000 and tree replacement on courthouse grounds at a cost of approximately $15,000. Motion to approve these expenditures from Degen supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Tom Kunstle, Attorney, discusses happenings in his office regarding employee training. Notes a recent case where defendant was found with $12,000 in cash, 70 grams of cocaine and multiple cell phones and discusses other recent cases.
- Walter then updates BOS on grant process related to the property buyouts from the 2024 floodings and the Request For Proposal (RFP) documents he is writing. Notes he is training to become a Certified Grant Planner so he can administer that already approved grant when it is received. Reminds the BOS that they have been updating the county comprehensive plan, and it will be coming before the BOS soon and notes the tax abatement document will be before the BOS 11/10/26.
- Joel Sikkema, County Engineer, presents Weed Commissioner report for 2026 and 2027 certification form for signature. Motion to approve by Altena supported by Vande Weerd. Unanimous. Asks for the approval of 3 utility agreements for Premier Communications. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Hoftyzer. Unanimous. Updates on Boyden shop work and new Wheel Loader purchase for $296,970. Other general secondary roads items are discussed.
- Brett Hutton is presented as a new Medical Investigator. Motion to approve by Altena supported by Degen. Unanimous.
- Audit Engagement for FY2026 from Williams & Company is presented. Motion to approve by Vande Weerd supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Claims presented. Motion to approve claims by Hoftyzer supported by Altena. Unanimous.
- Committee reports:
    - Vande Weerd – Youth Emergency Services (YES) meeting attended, notes issues with Delta Dental insurance
    - Altena – Regional Transport (RIDES) meeting attended
    - Degen – No report
    - Hoftyzer – Board of Health (BOH) meeting attended-state realignment remains in progress
    - Muilenburg – No report
- Motion to adjourn by Vande Weerd supported by Degen. Unanimous. Adjournment at approximately 10:25 AM

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

- Complete resolutions, ordinances and election results are available at https://siouxcountyia.gov