

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2008

08-01-08 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Dennis Wright, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, John Degen and Arlyn Kleinwolterink.

08-01-08 2 Minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 2008, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

08-01-08 3 Coleman McAllister, County Attorney stated that he is making presentations to various organizations regarding identity theft. He stated that computer crime is getting more sophisticated.

08-01-08 4 Shane Walter, Community Services Director

- Distributed the Monthly MH/DD Expenditure Report for December 2007.
- Reported that the MH/DD Fund Balance is decreasing. Potentially services may need to be cut or eliminated.
- Stated that because the State Legislature did not appropriate total funds this year, Sioux County will be shorted over \$500,000 this year.

08-01-08 5 Lois Huitink, County Auditor requested that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Certified List of Condemnation Commissioners for 2008. Motion by Wright and supported Kleinwolterink by to certify a list of Condemnation Commissioners for 2008. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

08-01-08 6 Motion by Wright and supported by Beernink to approve the following requests from the Medical Examiner:

- That area hospitals be reimbursed for costs (up to \$250.00) incurred for preparing bodies for viewing.
- That the Medical Examiner be paid \$225.00 per case he attends.
- That ambulances at accident sites should be used to transport bodies to local hospitals, rather than contacting funeral homes to transport bodies.
- That EMT's be trained to investigate cases at \$125.00 per case.
- That doctors reviewing and signing paperwork concerning deaths be paid \$25.00 per case.

Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

08-01-08 7 Dennis Vander Wel, Head Custodian reported that a new wireless security system for the Courthouse is nearly completely installed. Installation will begin in the Treasurer's building after the Courthouse is finished.

08-01-08 8 Dan Altena, County Sheriff

- Requested that the Board certify the appointment of Jason Bergsma to Captain. Motion by Degen and supported by Beernink to approve the appointment of Jason Bergsma to Captain in the Sheriff's department. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported that Altena and Bergsma will prepare a presentation to instruct Department heads on the use of the new security system.
- Sybesma noted that the jail staff is to be commended for their efforts to work with the Federal Marshall's office in keeping Federal Prisoner numbers consistent in the jail.
- Judy Plendl was recognized by Altena and McAllister for exemplary efforts in assisting prisoners to transition into society after incarceration.
- The Sheriff's quarterly report was accepted for information.

08-01-08 9 Mileage is currently reimbursed at the rate of 41¢ per mile. Motion by Wright and supported by Beernink to increase the rate of reimbursement to 45¢ per mile. Meal reimbursement rates will remain unchanged. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

08-01-08 10 Committee Reports

- Sybesma reported that at a Third Judicial Corrections meeting it was decided to hear an appeal from an employee next month. The employee is currently on paid administrative leave.

08-01-08 11 Doug Julius, County Engineer – General Matters

- Presented estimates for the hard surfacing project in the County's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area. Julius estimated that it will cost 6.4 million for approximately 12 miles of hard surfacing. This estimate will be used to compile bonding information.
- \$321,000 was estimated for turning lanes on Highway 75 in addition to the original specifications for this project.

08-01-08 12 Tom Fleming, Blue Cross Insurance Representative

- Informed the Board that the utilization rate for Health Insurance for Sioux County had dropped to 92% in 2007. Because of this Blue Cross Health Insurance rates will drop by approximately 4.5% for FY 2008/2009.

08-01-08 13 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 until Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____

Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor