

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2016

16-01-19 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on January 19, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma and Dennis Wright.

16-01-19 2 Minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2016, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

16-01-19 3 Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff

- Discussed the Sheriff's Budget request for 2016/2017. He stated that not many changes from last year, other than providing raises for his staff. Of note is an increase in medical expenses for prisoners, so has increased that line item in his budget.
- Contract Law has increased 1.8%.
- Altena told the Board that the number of Federal prisoners used to range between 12 to 15. That number has dropped to between 6 and 8.
- Sybesma and Degen have been discussing wage increases for next fiscal year with Sheriff's Deputies.

16-01-19 4 Sue Kroesche, Director of the Orange City Public Library, Becky Bilbry, librarian at the Orange City Public Library and Greta Grand, representing the Northwestern College Library made a request on behalf of the Sioux County Library Association. A new program is being initiated by the Sioux County Library Association, Dordt College, Northwestern College, and Northwest Iowa Community College that will begin a "One County – One Book" program. The book featured for this coming year will be Ordinary Grace written by William Kent Krueger. The Author will come in for a meet and greet, and to work with local college students. The Libraries hope to make this an annual event. Kroesche asked the Board for an additional amount of \$2,500 for this program. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the request of the county librarians to contribute \$2,500 to the One County – One Book program. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

16-01-19 5 Juliana Pennings representing the Orange City Chamber of Commerce presented a budget request for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 for Western Iowa Tourism Budget. Pennings reviewed activities that Western Iowa Tourism does to promote community awareness.

16-01-19 6 Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Deputy Auditor led a preliminary discussion of Health Insurance. The County has received notice that premiums for the current Health Insurance plan will increase by 17.45% for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. The Board requested more information on a higher deductible plan that would lower premiums to a more acceptable level.

16-01-19 7 Committee Reports: All went to a meeting to discuss moving the County Fair Grounds, a Farm Bureau meeting and a lunch with Leadership Sioux Center participants.

- **Bloemendaal** – Attended a Trails meeting two weeks ago. Discussion focused on a trail between Sandy Hollow and Orange City.
- **Degen** –Nate Huizenga and Degen attended a HAZMAT meeting. The County currently contract for HAZMAT support with Sioux City. An increase from \$.85 per person to \$1.00 per person is being proposed. 2) Attended a Conservation Board Meeting. Updates have been made to buildings at Sandy Hollow and Oak Grove. Members of the Conservation Board will meet with the Supervisors next week to present a budget request for 2016/2017. 3) Attended a meeting at the Jail for E-911 and Communications. The Communications tower needs to be moved and is estimated to cost about \$300,000. DGNR will help cover the costs for this move. The building and equipment for that tower will be about \$30,000. Communications has found that is very beneficial to have two people on staff at all times. One jailer is trained to work in the Communications Center.
- **Kleinwolterink** – 1) Went to a Landfill meeting. 2) Asked the Engineer to check with Site Services from Algona to determine a cost for removing asbestos and demolishing the Hope Haven Residential Treatment Center (County Home).
- **Sybesma** –Reported that he and Supervisor Wright attended the Sioux Rivers Board Meeting. Sioux County representatives opined that Plymouth County must be at the same levy rate as Sioux and Woodbury Counties.
- **Wright** – Attended a Compass Pointe meeting. Discussed some issues with employees and finances. 2) Went to a YES Board meeting. The Annual Audit was presented. 1,018 balance last year – this year the balance was \$111,000. 3) Attended the Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health Board meeting. Reported that the meeting went well. The Regional Board made some progress on determining who owns the Crisis Center Building.

16-01-19 8 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Asked the Board to approve a permit agreement from Mid-American Energy to relocate overhead 3-phase line on the North side of Rock Valley on Elmwood Avenue for a proposed bridge project. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve a permit agreement for Mid-American Energy. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Distributed information detailing payment for Right-of-Way to be purchased for the road leading to the Regional Airport. Julius will draft a letter to landowners detailing what land has been selling for in that area, and making an offer for the land. Julius will meet with DGNR tomorrow, in anticipation of a letting which might be held in May or June for the Airport road. Julius said that an extra big intersection will be constructed to enable safe entry to Highway 75.
- Julius hopes to get the Rock Valley bridge project back into the March letting. He will change the specifications to increase the number of days for completion, and will delay the start date.
- Reported that he has closed a bridge because of broken stringer. The bridge is located on 440th Street between Eagle and Buncombe Township. He noted that road workers will try to get it fixed as soon as possible.

16-01-19 9 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor