

## MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2015

**15-01-27 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on January 27, 2015, 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.

**15-01-27 2** Minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2015 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**15-01-27 3** Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, reported that on February 12, John Mulder will be resentenced. Mulder was convicted in the shooting of Jean Homan in 1976, while he was a juvenile. He was sentenced in 1978 to life without parole. He has been in prison for 37 years. Because of recent Supreme Court rulings, 38 inmates in Iowa who were convicted to life sentences while juveniles, will need to be have their sentences revisited.

**15-01-27 4** The Ambulance Budget was discussed. The Board may decide to set aside more funding for ambulances. Degen will work with Emergency Management Director, Nate Huizenga to extend the current ambulance replacement plan which will end in 2017.

**15-01-27 5** Motion by Wright and supported Bloemendaal to appoint Aaron Kooiker representative to the NW Iowa Regional Housing Authority.

**15-01-27 6** Reviewed budget requests from agencies.

**15-01-27 7** Shane Walter, , Zoning Administrator,

- Requested that the Board approve a Waiver of Separation Distance for Harlan Driesen, in Section 17 of Sheridan Township. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve a separation of distance for manure storage structures in accordance with Iowa code section 459.202 and 459.205. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Gave a general review of Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region matters.

**15-01-27 8** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Road workers are stockpiling gravel and may need to do some blading and strategic gravel placement.
- Reported that he has received requests for road improvements.

**15-01-27 9** Committee reports:

- **Kleinwolterink:** Attended a Farm Bureau Meeting and also an Iowa Workforce Development meeting.
- **Degen** –a) Attended an Administrative Legislative Forum at which Representative Chuck Soderburg was present. b) Participated in an Alice training session in Plymouth County. This training teaches the options one has available to survive a serious event.

- **Wright** – a) Attended a Farm Bureau Meeting. b) Went to a Compass Pointe Board retreat. Persons responsible for each area of service at Compass Pointe presented programs on the various aspects of that organization. c) The YES Board has 5 new members out of a total of 14 this year. The YES transportation program is very successful. Retired police cars are repurposed to transport clients. Transportation is being used for juveniles and also for Mental Health patient transfers.
- **Sybesma** – Went to a NW Iowa Housing trust meeting.

**15-01-27 10** Patrick Lynch, ISAC Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Labor Liaison, explained the increase in health insurance premiums for next fiscal year. Insurance rates will increase nearly 10% for 2016-2017. Lynch noted that the increase was in large part due to higher cost for prescription coverage. Prescription costs have gone up nearly 18% in the past year. The Board will look at purchasing a lower cost policy that cover three tiers of drug coverage. Currently the insurance plan covers all drugs. Limited value drugs would be excluded if the Board chooses the lower cost premium.

**15-01-27 11** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor