

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

15-02-10 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on February 10, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma and Dennis Wright. John Degen was absent.

15-02-10 2 Minutes of the meeting held on February 3, 2015 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

15-02-10 3 Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Election Administrator reported the results of the Special Boyden-Hull Community School District Election that was held on February 3, 2015 for the Board to Canvass. The question on the ballot was:

PUBLIC MEASURE A: Shall the Board of Directors of the Boyden-Hull Community School District, in the Counties of Sioux and Lyon, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, to levy annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment property tax not to exceed One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, or each year thereafter?

Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the canvass of the Special Boyden-Hull School District PPEL election, showing the following election returns.

PUBLIC MEASURE A			
Precinct	YES	NO	Total
Boyden	78	25	103
Hull	171	36	207
Absentee	2	2	4
Total Votes	251	63	314
	79.94%	20.06%	

Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

15-02-10 4 Shane Walter, Zoning Administrator,

- Zoning Board meeting on the 19th and will be discussing the 18 and 75 Wash Out odor issue.
- Sioux Rivers Mental Health will be meeting on February 24. Walter discussed the meeting from February 5, in which they primarily worked on budgets with the service coordinators.

15-02-10 5 Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Bloemendaal to approve a Resolution in Support of Road Use Tax the ongoing evaluation of creative, supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding

Resolution 2015-03
Support RUTF Funding

WHEREAS, the Iowa Association of County Supervisors recognizes that a high quality transportation system serves as the artery for economic activity and that the condition of the infrastructure in the State of Iowa is a key element for our future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the State of Iowa's Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) is the fuel tax, which has not been significantly increased since 1989, while maintenance and construction costs have more than doubled during that same timeframe; and

WHEREAS, there have been several state-wide studies completed over the past 10 years identifying the requirement to significantly increase the amount of funding for the administration, maintenance and improvements to our state-wide public roadway system, including the 2006 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study, the 2011 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study completed per 2011 Iowa Code Section 307.31, and the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) created by Governor Branstad; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 TIME-21 study documented the fact that under today's funding structure and highway usage, over 20% of the travel done in Iowa is by out-of-state drivers while only 13% of the state's road use revenues come from out of state drivers; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the implementation of the TIME-21 Fund in 2009 is inadequate to meet the critical maintenance and improvements needs for the State of Iowa's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, 95% of Road Use Tax Fund revenues are required by the Iowa Constitution to be spent only on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, due to the severe shortage in state funding to meet the critical needs of our roadway system, several Iowa counties have had to resort to issuing millions of dollars of bonds to pay for their most critical maintenance needs, which will have to be paid off through property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Sioux County has issued \$ 6,000,000 in bonds to pay for our most critical roadway and bridge needs; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Council report to Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature identified the need for at least \$215 million per year of increased funding over the next 20 years, in addition to the funding being provided by the TIME-21 revenues, just to meet the most critical needs of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Good Roads Association, the Iowa County Engineer's Association, and numerous business related associations throughout Iowa have publically supported the call for increased RUTF funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the implementation a long-term, sustainable transportation funding solution to address the critical needs of our infrastructure system.

1. Provide adequate state-wide funding to offset the projected shortfall for our most critical needs of over \$215 million annually through an increase of the motor fuel tax revenues.
2. Enable the Iowa Department of Transportation to provide primary highway funds to counties and cities in lieu of federal funds, providing increased efficiencies for state and local governments.
3. Increase the permit fee for oversize/overweight vehicles.
4. New funding should be distributed consistent with the Road Use Tax Fund distribution formula.

And, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Sioux County Board of Supervisors support the ongoing evaluation of creative, supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding

Resolved this 10th day of February, 2015

/s/ Mark Sybesma, Chairman Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Deputy Auditor

15-02-10 6 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Secondary road crews are sanding roads today due to the ice.
- Reported that MSHA (Mining Safety Health Administration) training is taking place today at NCC in Sheldon.
- Stockpiling will continue as weather permits at the Ireton and Maurice stockpiling sites.
- Had a joint meeting with Lyon County and O'Brien County with ISG, a consulting firm that provides inspection services for the proposed pipelines that will run through these counties.
- Julius is looking into purchasing a piece of machinery.

15-02-10 7 Committee reports:

- **Bloemendaal and Sybesma** – Regional Airport Board report: Primarily discussed hangers and terminals. Timing of opening the new airport in conjunction with the Orange City and Sioux Center airports closing, is critical to make that a smooth transition.
- **Bloemendaal** – Attended a Mid Sioux Board meeting in which they authorized the sale of the downtown location in Sioux Center, and an agreement was made to build a new facility in Sioux Center. Attended a Trails meeting on February 2 and reported that the end of year drive to raise funds was successful. There was discussion about developing a website, brochures, maps, and getting active in social media.
- **Kleinwolterink** – Attended NECI meeting on February 3.
- **Wright** – Served on the ISAC Scholarship Committee.

15-02-10 8 Claims as submitted by the Auditor were approved.

15-02-10 9 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Deputy Auditor