

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**12-02-14 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on February 14, 2012, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma and Dennis Wright. Supervisor John Degen was not present for this meeting.

**12-02-14 2** Minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2012, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**12-02-14 3** Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney updated the Board in regards to the sale of County right-of-way to Natural Beauty Greenhouse. The Board set a date and time for a public hearing to convey County owned property. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to set March 6, 2012, as the date and 10:15 as the time for a public hearing to convey .275 acres of County owned property to Natural Beauty Greenhouse. Motion carried, all in favor, one member absent.

**12-02-14 4** Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Election Administrator presented the results of the Northwest Iowa Community College Special Election held on February 7, 2012, in Sioux County for the Board of Supervisors to canvass. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the canvass of results of the NCC Special Election held in Sioux County on February 7. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

SPECIAL NCC SCHOOL ELECTION February 7, 2012			
“Shall the Board of Directors of Northwest Iowa Community College in the Counties of Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Plymouth and Sioux be authorized to erect, equip, renovate and expand buildings for Community College student learning purposes, including construction of new buildings, expansion and/or renovation of existing buildings and student support areas, upgrading mechanical and advanced technology systems, contract indebtedness therefore, and issue its school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$13,400,000 for those purposes?”			
Precinct	YES	NO	Total
Boyden	61	134	195
Hull	67	229	296
Alton	46	28	74
Granville	35	6	41
Hospers	40	35	75
Maurice	27	45	72
OC #1	51	97	148
OC #2	69	67	136
Rock Valley	111	228	339
SC North	28	72	100
SC Central	44	64	108
SC South	104	185	289

Hawarden	48	83	131
Ireton	18	44	62
Absentee	269	97	366
Total Votes	<u>1018</u>	<u>1414</u>	<u>2432</u>
	41.86%	58.14%	
*60% Majority is required to pass			

**12-02-14 5** Nate Huizenga, Sioux County EMS Coordinator and Jeff and Jason Vore, representing the Maurice First Responders, met with the Board to request funding for a rescue vehicle for the Maurice First Responders. Sioux County has an agreement for ambulance replacement with each city which provides that service. Maurice does not have an ambulance, so is not included in the funding provided by the agreement. The agreement would need to be amended to include first responders. The two cities that don't have ambulances are Maurice and Matlock. Jason Vore noted that there is a pressing need is for a replacement vehicle now and that they have located a used rescue vehicle for \$4,700. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to support the Maurice First Responders with the purchase of a rescue vehicle with \$4,700.00. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

Huizenga reported that ICS (incident command training) was held at the Sheriff's Department. Fire chiefs, law enforcement personnel, EMS personnel, a state veterinarian and a mayor took the course.

A grant is being prepared that would help fund training for elected officials in case of an emergency. Huizenga anticipates that this training would occur in September or October of 2012.

**12-02-14 6** Lois Huitink, Sioux County Auditor briefed the Board on a meeting that occurred with Amanda Downey, Senior Account Manager, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Beth Vander Veen, Joyce Murphy and Huitink met with Downey to receive the 2011 ISAC Group Health Report. Savings will be realized in Fiscal Year 2012/2013 because of a premium reduction due to low usage from 2007 through 2011 and also because of participation by County employees in a wellness program. Savings in County cost for FY 2013 are estimated to be nearly \$182,000.

**12-02-14 7** As this was the date and 9:30 a.m. the time set for a Public Hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application for Tom De Vries, proposing the construction of 1200 head deep pit swine finisher barn at an existing facility, the Chairman opened said hearing according to law. Suzanne Haverdink, Sioux County Zoning Assistant reviewed the application with the Board. The construction is located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 23 of Center Township. No comments either written or oral were received. Tom De Vries was present for this discussion. The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to recommend approval of the aforementioned permit to the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

**12-02-14 8** Marty Guthmiller, representing Community Health Partners proposed that the County contribution to Community Health Partners be increased in a new three year contract. The per capita rate suggested would be: \$6.00 for year one; \$6.25 for year two; and \$6.50 for year three. Jackie Covey and Deb Vander Plas, employees of CHP were present for this discussion. This would amount to an 11.73% increase for fiscal year 2013. Bloemendaal expressed concern about the large increase in County participation over the past several years. Bloemendaal noted that the County contribution in 2006 was \$120,000. With a 4% increase anticipated for the next two years the county contribution will rise to \$218,724 in Fiscal year 2014/2015.

**12-02-14 9** Two vacancies have occurred on the Nassau Township Board of Trustees. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Wright to appoint Ken Vande Brake to fill a vacancy as Nassau Township Trustee left following the death of Lee Palsma, and to appoint Gervin Bonnema to fill a vacancy as Nassau Township Trustee left by the resignation of Benjamin Kooiker. Both positions will be up for reappointment in January 2013. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

**12-02-14 10** COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Bloemendaal, Kleinwolterink, Sybesma and Wright** attended a state wide supervisor meeting last Thursday. Much of the day was spend developing a response to proposed changes to the Mental Health System. A proposed increase in road use tax and commercial property tax relief was also discussed at this meeting.
- **Bloemendaal** – Attended a Regional Airport meeting yesterday. The Orange City and Sioux Center airport assets will need to be applied to the cost for the Regional Airport. Bloemendaal stated that newly passed authorization reduced federal compensation from 95% to 90%. Since this is for new projects, it is unclear whether it applies to the Sioux County Regional Airport since it is an existing project.

**12-02-14 11** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer –

- Requested Board approval on two permit agreements. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the following permit agreements. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.
  - 1) Magellan Pipeline – Install pipeline 1250’ east of Dipper Avenue on County Road B58 in Washington Township Section 14.
  - 2) Robert Heyser –install irrigation system connections in Rock Township Section 2.
- Request Board approval on a contract with Stratford Gravel to crush, weigh and stockpile gravel at the Keehn Pit. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Bloemendaal to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned contract with Stratford Gravel, Inc. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent. Cleaning of the area will be contracted at a later time.

- Letters have been sent and responses are coming in for the purchase of ROW for upcoming hard surfacing projects.
- Presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Secondary Road Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget request.

**12-02-14 12** Shane Walter, Community Services Director presented budget requests for various departments for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. After suggestions from the Board at last week's meeting, Walter moved salary expenditures to be more in line with the areas in which hours are worked. Requests for departments administered by Walter remain unchanged from last years' request.

**12-02-14 13** Auditor Huitink requested that the Board increase the amount proposed for electrical usage for fiscal year 2012/2013 because notification of a rate increase by MidAmerican Energy was received. Board members agreed to this request.

**12-02-14 14** Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Bloemendaal to set the date (March 6, 2012) and the time (10:00 a.m.) for a Public Hearing to approve the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

**12-02-14 15** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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