

## **MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2006**

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 Loren Bouma, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, John Degen and Stanley L. De Haan.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2006 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

Melissa O'Rourke, County Attorney, met with the Board and updated them on matters pertaining to the County Attorney's office. Two press releases were distributed.

Jeff Peters, representing William and Company, presented the Board with the Fiscal Year end report for the year ending June 30, 2005. Peters recommended that the General Fund balance should be enough to cover expenditures for 120 days. At 2005 Fiscal Year end the balance was enough to cover expenditures for 60 days. Peters noted that the assistance given to the staff of Williams and Company by county employees was excellent.

Mary Sloan, Northwest Iowa Alcoholism & Drug Treatment Center, reported on prevention services provided by their organization to citizens of Sioux County. Sloan explained the benefits of the school based mentoring program. Another area of concern is increasing public awareness that abstinence from tobacco, alcohol and drugs needs to be stressed. The Board was thanked for supporting prevention and urged to continue to do so.

As this was the date and 10:30 o'clock a.m. the time set for hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources construction permit application submitted by Lyle Van Holland, for a 587 ft. x 103 ft. bedding pack confinement barn. located in SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 16 of Plato Township, said hearing was held according to law. No written or oral objections were received. Present for the hearing were Lyle Van Holland and John Van Holland. A DNR inspection will be conducted this Thursday, March 9, 2006. A letter will be forwarded to the DNR stating that this meeting was held. The Chairman closed the hearing.

Discussion was held on the Matrix system and the County's input into DNR decisions regarding confinements.

Raymond advised the Board that a Zoning Meeting will be held on March 16, 2006, to review zoning requirements for several communication towers to be built near Hospers.

Shane Walter, Community Services Director, informed the Board that the move to the office on the main floor of the Courthouse is nearly complete. Walter thanked the Board for providing that space for his office.

Walter informed the Board that he is looking at the possibility of moving the Targeted Case Management Personnel to the area currently used by the Juvenile Court Officers.

Dan Altena, County Sheriff, requested the Chairman's signature on a 5 year service contract with Otis Elevator Company. Motion by Beernink, and supported by Degen to sign the aforementioned contract. Motion passed, unanimous in favor.

Altena reported that the new drug dog should be trained in about 2 weeks.

Altena reported on the method used by the Sheriff's Department on the purchase of Patrol Cars. Patrol cars are purchased on the basis of the State of Iowa contract.

The Board approved payment of claims as presented by the County Auditor from all departments this date.

Sybesma reported on the Third Judicial Meeting. He reported that they discussed sex offender laws, taking into consideration the risk factor of the offender, and also the severity of the crime. He also reported that the staff was given a 3 ½ percent raise.

Beernink reported on the Treasurer's new building. Wheelchair accessibility is an issue at the new building. The temperature in the building needs to be addressed as well. Favorable comments have been received by the public regarding accessibility to the new facility.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Deputy Auditor