

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 31, 2015

15-03-31 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on March 31, 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.

15-03-31 2 Minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2015 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

15-03-31 3 Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,

- Updated the Board on a felony theft trial that was held last week.
- Reported that two old cases will be coming up for review. Prisoners are seeking post-conviction relief.
- Told the Board that a resolution stating that weapons are not permitted in Courthouse must be very carefully worded.

15-03-31 4 Mark Gaul, Orange City Economic Development Director, talked to the board in regard to the Home Base Iowa program. This is a program designed to attract retiring veterans to the state. A committee is being formed to come up with a benefit package, for retiring veterans that will be unique to Sioux County. The County will purchase signage (\$60.00 for each sign) that will advertise Sioux County as a participant in the Home Base Iowa program. Economic development directors in cities within the county will be approached to sign on to the project.

15-03-31 5 Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to reappoint Stacy Kramer as Clerk for the West Sioux Benefitted Fire District. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

15-03-31 6 Committee reports:

- **Bloemendaal** – Attended a Mid Sioux Board Meeting. Mid Sioux will be building a new facility in Sioux Center. They scored very high on a recent Audit report.
- **Degen** – Participated in a mass casualty exercise that was held in Orange City. The event was well attended. This exercise prepares Sioux County's emergency workers to address mass casualties in the event that it should ever be needed.
- **Kleinwolterink** – a) Attended a Home Base Iowa meeting. b) Went to a Regional workforce investment board meeting.
- **Wright** – a) Reported on a YES board meeting. A new auditing firm has simplified the financial report and stated that Emmet County is no longer associated with the YES Center. Eight or nine youth are held at the center most of the time. b) Attended a Sioux Rivers Mental health meeting.

15-03-31 7 Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Deputy Auditor, told the Board about Socrata Software. This software would allow more transparency of County financial records. The Board will discuss this again at a later meeting.

15-03-31 8 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Permit agreements:
 - a. Northwest REC – (3 permits) for overhead electric in section 25 of Center Township and Section 30 of West Branch Township.
 - b. Enventis – Install copper phone cable at the SE corner of 470th Street and Fig Avenue 2,537' to a new Ireton subdivision.
 - c. Telecom Construction – Install copper telecommunication services in Lynn Township Section 3 from 3342 Lily Avenue north about 300' then across Lily Avenue to terminal on west side.

Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve the aforementioned permit agreements. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

- Told the Board that Unity Christian High School will be doing a “clean-athon” to clean ditches as a work project to help reduce tuition costs. Distributed a consent form that the parents had to sign relieving the County and the school of any liability should something happen.
- Distributed information on recommended awards for two work projects.
 - a. PCC Overlay South of Hull on project STP-S-CO84 (147)—5E--84 ((K-52) Motion by Wright and supported by Sybesma to approve the award of a contract to Cedar Valley Corp, LLC in the amount of \$1,609,741.75. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
 - b. PCC Pavement near Orange City on project L-10-2008—73—84. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Degen to approve the award of a contract to Cedar Valley Corp, LLC in the amount of \$1,462,596.50. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- The Engineer accepted the contract submitted by Joy Dirt for the Trans-Ova project. A contract has been sent to them for signature. Julius will present it to the Board for the Chairman’s signature once it is returned.
- Presented the Secondary Road Budget Five Year Construction Plan. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve the 5 year plan as presented by the County Engineer. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

15-03-31 9 Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to go into executive session according to Section 20.17(3) of Iowa Code, to discuss labor negotiations. Roll Call on Vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

15-03-31 10 Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to return to regular session. Roll Call on Vote: Wright, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Degen, Yes; Kleinwolterink, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor. Motion by Kleinwolterink and

supported by Degen to give a 50 cent per hour increase to Secondary Road workers, who are associated with the union, for fiscal year 2015/2016. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

15-03-31 11 Claims submitted by the Sioux County Auditor were approved for payment.

15-03-31 12 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor