

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 7, 2011**

- 11-06-7 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment 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.
- 11-06-7 2** Minutes of the meeting held on May 31, 2011, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 11-06-7 3** Randy Jacobsma, Sioux County Treasurer requested tax abatements for three parcels. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve abatements as submitted by the Treasurer. Roll call on vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 2011-19  
SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Date: June 7, 2011**

**ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

**Whereas,** The Sioux County Board of Supervisors have concluded that the following parcels have no merit in collecting taxes and move that the taxes be abated based on reasons noted:

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Current Tax</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Vries, Rick Dale De District 010 – Alton	2311176701	2009	\$ 146.00	\$ 157.00	Request from City of Alton for Tax Abatement
Vries, Rick Dale De District 015 – Alton Agland	2311176002	2009	\$ 51.00	\$ 57.0	Request from City of Alton for Tax Abatement
Kelly, Dennis M. District 580 – West Sioux Eagle 1/2	1427376002	2008	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00	Clerical Error

**Whereas,** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County has the authority to abate taxes based on the Iowa Code. [Sec.445.63]

**Whereas,** The Board of Supervisors can also abate taxes when the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue the collection of taxes through the tax sale or personal judgment remedies.

**Whereas,** The Board of Supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due, and direct the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system. Iowa Code [Sec. 445.16]

**BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Sioux County Board of Supervisors as follows:

The Board of Supervisors has decided that these taxes should not be collected and direct the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on each parcel noted above.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, on April 12, 2011.

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

ATTEST: /s/Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor

**11-06-7 4** Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney

- Updated the Board on a law suit filed against the Sioux County Planning and Zoning Commission on a challenge to a decision made by that board in regard to the Northwest Iowa Outdoor Sporting Complex at the former Sandy Hollow Golf Course. At a hearing held yesterday, the judge issued orders directing the Planning and Zoning Commission to file the minutes and other documents used to make their decision. A ruling will be made to determine if the board's decision was arbitrary, capricious or illegal. The judge will assign one judge to handle the matter. The judge decided not to issue an injunction to stop work at this time. In three weeks the documents will be sent to the court and a judge will be assigned to hear the case. McAllister requested that he asked the Court that the matter be settled prior to September when some of the recreational facility will likely be complete.
- Provided a link to statistics for District IV that was released by the Iowa Courts for their fiscal year. Some notes of interest that McAllister highlighted were that of the 16 counties in our district, last year filings decreased by 11%. Sioux County's filings however have remained steady. Of the 8,250 Court cases filed in Sioux County last year, 92% were criminal cases. (This number includes traffic tickets.)

**11-06-7 5** Deb Vande Plas, Public Health Nurse for Sioux County Community Health Partners presented that agency's Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2011. The Chairman expressed appreciation to Vande Plas and the Public Health staff for their efforts on behalf of the taxpayers of Sioux County.

**11-06-7 6** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Asked for approval of one permit agreement:  
  
Frontier Communication – Bore cable in Nassau Township Section 9 in preparation for bridge work.  
  
Motion by Kleinwolverink and supported by Wright to approve the aforementioned permit agreement. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Request Board approval and the Chairman's signature on an agreement with the Iowa DOT to install two automatic gate units with 12" LED flashing light signals and walk-out style cantilevers all controlled by prediction circuitry at the railroad crossing located on 420<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated cost of the improvements will be approximately \$239,101.00. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Kleinwolverink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned agreement with the Iowa DOT. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Proposal from Midwest Geothermal Drilling to drill a test well in preparation of updating the Courthouse air conditioning system. The cost to drill the test well will be \$6,475.00. Bids were obtained and Midwest Geothermal Drilling submitted the low bid. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the contract with Midwest Geothermal Drilling as submitted by the County Engineer. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- In connection with the air conditioning project a site survey investigation will need to be conducted. At this time prices are being investigated for this work. Reported that graveling, blading and driveway work is ongoing.



Board of Supervisors	362,413	12,850								375,263	187,632	187,632
Auditor	309,089	251,440								560,529	280,265	280,265
Treasurer	556,133	24,531								580,664	290,332	290,332
Attorney	462,988	24,935				2,500				490,423	245,212	245,212
Sheriff	2,541,423	142,513		389,388		6,000				3,079,324	1,539,662	1,539,662
Recorder	204,340	12,000				10,000				226,340	113,170	113,170
County Engineer					9,612,600					9,612,600	4,806,300	4,806,300
Veterans Affairs	77,734	3,221								80,955	40,478	40,478
Conservation Board	566,990	24,012				70,998				662,000	331,000	331,000
Nurse	290,990									290,990	145,495	145,495
Social Services	970,739	8,600				11,310				990,649	495,325	495,325
Medical Examiner	34,000									34,000	17,000	17,000
District Court		10,000								10,000	5,000	5,000
Libraries				207,726						207,726	103,863	103,863
E911								200,800		200,800	100,400	100,400
Communications								474,990		474,990	237,495	237,495
General Services	776,800	9,780						81,200		867,780	433,890	433,890
Data Processing	322,279	8,000								330,279	165,140	165,140
Physical Planning				135,760						135,760	67,880	67,880
Mental Health Administration		58,712	2,752,316							2,811,028	1,405,514	1,405,514
Juvenile Probation		58,500								58,500	29,250	29,250
Joint Disaster Services								177,984		177,984	88,992	88,992
Nondepartmental	587,907	242,500		1,302,012		5,000,000				7,132,419	3,566,210	3,566,210
Assessor Special Appraiser								338,960		338,960	169,480	169,480
Public Safety Center								500,500		500,500	250,250	250,250
UR Road Project								394,000		394,000	197,000	197,000
TOTALS	8,063,825	891,594	2,752,316	2,034,886	9,612,600	5,100,808	0	894,500	1,273,934	30,624,463	15,312,232	15,312,232

**11-06-7 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Bloemendaal** – 1) Traveled to Monona County (Onawa) yesterday to make an assessment of the flood damage. While there he met with the Emergency Management Director, Randy Ross. 2) Last Friday he and Shane Walter met with Don Ortman, Board Chairman for the Greater Siouxland Community Health Center. Ortman said that actions taken in the past in regard to working with Seasons Mental Health Center will be reversed. Ortman stated, “We do not want to do anything that would have a negative impact to the Board of Supervisors.”
- Sybesma** – Informed the Supervisors that at a Third Judicial District Court meeting it was reported that they are short of funding. Next years’ budget will be affected by the shortfall. In the past, the District had a full time equivalent of 181 employees. Currently that number is 73, and will likely need to be reduced to 62. It was also reported that representatives from Sheldon attended a previous meeting and expressed concern about the negative effect of clientele on that city.

- **Degen** – Reported that the Conservation Board installed a pumping station at Boyden.

**11-06-7 9** Discussion was held about ending fund balances as of May 2011, and accounting matters that need to be taken care of prior to the end of this Fiscal Year.

**11-06-7 10** Claims submitted by the Sioux County Auditor were approved.

**11-06-7 11** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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