

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

- 09-28-15 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on September 28, 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.
- 09-28-15 2** Minutes of the meeting held on September 11, 2015 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 09-28-15 3** Lisa Rowenhorst, Sioux County Election Administrator met with the Board to present results of the Merged Area IV School Election held on September 8, 2015. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve the following canvass of regular Merged Area IV School Election returns for the election held on September 8, 2015. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Director District II**

Stephen Simons	261	Elected
Scattering	3	

**Director District III**

Loretta Berkland	422	Elected
Scattering	9	

**Director District V**

Adam Besaw	756	Elected
Scattering	7	

**Director District VI**

Leroy Van Kekerix	89	Elected
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- 09-28-15 4** Mark Gaul, Orange City Community Development Director told the Board that on October 28, 2015, Sioux County will be certified as a Home Base Iowa County. Iowa Governor Terry Branstad will make the presentation at the Courthouse. The Committee has ordered signage which will be placed along roadways after the presentation. A welcome packet has been prepared for Veteran's interested in finding jobs within Sioux County. Cities and businesses within the County support this program.
- 09-28-15 5** Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to appoint Russell Gradert to the position of Township Trustee for Eagle Township for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- 09-28-15 6** Micah Van Maanen, IT Director and Shane Walter, HIPAA Compliance Officer met with the Board to discuss hiring an outside firm to assure that the County is in compliance with HIPAA requirements. Compliancy Group is an internet based company that would assist with this process. Van Maanen and Walter will talk to Jack Reed tomorrow about the HIPAA compliance and will come back to the Board with a recommendation at the next Board meeting.
- 09-28-15 7** Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director

- Reported that the Zoning Department has been incredibly busy this spring, summer, and fall. Building within the flood plain has posed some issues for those wishing to build in some areas within the County.
- A Statewide leadership team for mental health regions will be meeting with some legislators next week. Some of the discussion will be about levy inequity within mental health regions, and the ability of a region to control the amount of money requested from Counties.

**09-28-15 8** Nate Huizenga, Sioux County Emergency Management Director

- Presented the EMS System Development Grant Contract for 2015-2016 for Board approval. This grant provides reimbursement in the amount of \$10,870 for training. Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve the EMS System Development Grant Contract for 2015-2016. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Informed the Board that Boyden has borrowed money to fund ambulance replacement. Documentation was given showing the loan agreement. The County's contribution will be applied to that loan. \$57,750 is scheduled to be paid for ambulance replacement to Boyden this year. Accepted for information.

**09-28-15 9** Randy Jacobsma, Sioux County Treasurer

- Brought a Resolution providing for the first part of Tax Abatements for this year. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Wright to approve a tax abatement resolution. Roll call on Vote: Kleinwolterink, Yes; Degen, Yes; Bloemendaal, Yes; Wright, Yes; and Sybesma, Yes. Motion carried unanimous in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-30**

**SIoux COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Date: September 28, 2015**

**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 current taxes be abated based on the reasons noted:

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Taxes</b>	<b>Current Taxes</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Granville</b>					
Granville, City of	2412101023	2014	\$88.00	\$88.00	Should've been marked exempt By Assessor
<b>Sioux Center -Agland</b>					
Iowa-DOT	1028352002	2014	\$6.00	\$6.00	Per request of DOT-acquired from SC Land Development
Iowa- DOT	1028353003	2014	\$8.00	\$8.00	Per request of DOT
<b>Orange City</b>					

City of OC	1732405021	2014	\$1,806.00	\$1,806.00	Per request of City – acquired but not yet sold
Atlas of OC	1732235003	2014	\$5,284.00	\$5,284.00	Per request - exempt

**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 cannot 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 on Sioux County, Iowa, on September 28, 2015.

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

ATTEST: /s/Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor

- Sybesma informed the Board that Jacobsma has been asked by the Sioux County Regional Airport Board to assist with their purchase of bonds, serving as a broker. A financial adviser will be hired by the Airport Board.

**09-28-15 10** Aaron Haverdink, Sioux County Mental Health Administrator asked the Board to approve a contract with Compass Pointe. The proceeds from this grant are used for prevention. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the contract with Compass Pointe. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**09-28-15 11** Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Deputy Auditor and Joy Poppema, Payroll Clerk attended a meeting with ISAC last week. They received instructions for filling out new tax forms for employees who receive Health Care coverage. Dokter gave an update on the “Cadillac Tax” and its’ anticipated impact to the County. He also informed the Board that new insurance cards will be issued in December. No changes will be made to employee benefits. The cards will be reissued due to a change in the pharmacy benefit manager. Insurance rates for fiscal year 16-17 should be available mid-December.

**09-28-15 12 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Bloemendaal** – Attended two Committee meetings: 1) NW Iowa Planning and 2)RIDES (Regional Transit) Meeting
- **Degen** – 1) Nate Huizenga and Degen have been working on the ambulance replacement plan. 2) There will be an annual Halloween night at Oak Grove on Saturday October 10, 2015.

- **Sybesma** – Attended an Airport conference in Kansas City. The Sioux County Regional Airport was awarded a grant for the purchase of the last land that was purchased. Dirt work is progressing well at the Airport site. The plan is to begin construction next year.
- **Kleinwolverink** – 1) Wellness Committee meeting. He reported that it looks favorable that County will have enough employee participation in the Wellness Program to qualify for a 5% reduction in premium costs for next year. 2) Safety Committee meeting 3) NW Iowa Planning and Development Banquet; 4) Republican Central Committee
- **Wright** – 1) Attended a YES Board last Friday. A new telephone system has been installed. Recently there have been 7 or 8 kids housed there. The Board is working on adjusting the rate charged to member counties. The first 14 days will be at \$225 and after that at \$150. 2) NW Iowa Development Banquet; 3) Republican Central Committee Meeting. The Iowa Caucus will be held on February 1, 2016.

**09-28-15 13** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Requested that the Board sign the Title sheet for the Bridge North of Rock Valley. He anticipates a December letting on that project.
- Permit agreements:
  1. **WesTel Systems** – Run Fiber Optic Cable from the corner of 480<sup>th</sup> and Kingbird Avenue North to 4766 Kingbird Avenue in Section 18 of East Orange Township.
  2. **Southern Sioux Rural Water** – Bore and place pipe beneath B-40 between sections 31 and 32 of Sherman Township, and beneath B-40 between section 33 of Garfield Township and Section 4 of Eagle Township.
  3. **Rural Water #1** – Bore and place pipe underneath 420<sup>th</sup> Street between sections 18 and 19 of West Branch Township.
  4. **Rural Water #1** – Bore and place pipe underneath Goldfinch Avenue between Sections 25 of Center Township and Section 30 of West Branch Township.
  5. **Rural Water #1** – Bore and place pipe underneath 430<sup>th</sup> Street between Sections 19 and 30 of West Branch Township.
  6. **Long Lines LLC** – Run Fiber Optic along the North side of 450<sup>th</sup> Street and the East side of Kingbird Avenue in Nassau and East Orange Townships.

Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolverink to approve the aforementioned permit agreements. Motion carried unanimous in favor.
- Certification as to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance documents for projects L-4-2015—73-84 and L-4-2014 were presented for approval. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to approve completion of work documents with Kooiker Inc. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Motion by Kleinwolverink and supported by Degen to approve the purchase of a new track loader for \$185,870.00. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- All positions have been filled. Hawarden Shop's new employee is Jason Anderson. He began work on August 17, 2015. Boyden Shop's new employee is Cody Rensink. He began work on September 21, 2015. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolverink to approve the hiring of Jason Anderson and Cody Rensink. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported on activities ongoing in the Secondary Road Department.

- Told the Board that Crushing will likely be done by Chatsworth.

**09-28-15 14** Ryan Dokter, Sioux County Deputy Auditor told the Board that Jane Goeken, Community Development Specialist for Iowa State University, will conduct a training session on October 21 for Sioux County Township Clerks and Trustees. Have had very little response so far. Also in attendance with be the County Attorney and representatives of Fire districts within the County.

**09-28-15 15** Daniel Den Boer, Office Manager at ATLAS (Attaining Truth, Love, and Self-control) reported that they were able to serve 226 new clients last year. This year new clients will exceed that amount. ATLAS has five full time employees and one part time employee. Den Boer said that volunteer help is very important to the success of that organization.

**09-28-15 16** Claims submitted by the Sioux County Auditor were approved for payment.

**09-28-15 17** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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