

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**14-09-30 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on September 30, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Mark Sybesma, and Dennis Wright.

**14-09-30 2** Minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2014, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.

**14-09-30 3** Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, reported that:

- There have been three jury trials held in Sioux County in the past three weeks.
- A termination of parental rights hearing was held.
- A 17 year old who had previously been sentenced to 25 years in prison with no parole granted for 17 years was resentenced. A previous law mandated the length of time before parole could be granted for juveniles. That law has since been changed, so resentencing was required. His sentence remains at 25 years but no minimum time for parole was stipulated.

**14-09-30 4** Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve a one year contract with the Secondary Roads and Sheriff Unions. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**14-09-30 5** Aaron Haverdink, Sioux County Mental Health Administrator,

- Reported that there will be a vote held at the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors meeting today in regard to that county remaining in the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region.
- Distributed the August MH/DD Expenditure Report.
- Before the formation of Regional Mental Health districts, Sioux County was using a 250% of poverty level guideline for assistance. However since the region was formed, a guideline of 150% of poverty is being used to determine assistance. Those with insurance are not eligible for assistance. This policy may be brought up with other members of the region for reconsideration.
- Distributed a chart showing the Offset Repayments due to the state of Iowa. For Sioux County the amount is \$480.00. Funding from these repayments helps fund the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan.
- Transition Funds that were applied for have been approved.

**14-09-30 6** Union Negotiator Harvey Wiltsey asked the Board to approve a Services Agreement with him to provide services connected with collective bargaining with the Secondary Roads and Sheriff Office Unions for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$13,800. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve an agreement with Labor Negotiator, Harvey F. Wiltsey. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**14-09-30 7** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the following permit agreements. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
  - Premier Communications - Move fiber optic cable for the 380<sup>th</sup> Street Road project Northwest of Sioux Center, in Sections 29 and 30 of Welcome Township.
  - Premier Communications - Replace fiber optic cable on Harrison Avenue South of Sioux Center in Section 15 of West Branch Township.
  - Long Lines LTD – install new fiber optic cable along Highway 18 in Sheldon, Hull, and Rock Valley.
- A certification as to completion of work and final acceptance for Project No. L-2-2012—73-84-CULV, a Culvert located on Harrison Avenue approximately 600’ north of 310<sup>th</sup> Street between Sections 21 and 22 of Lincoln Township, was signed by the Chairman.
- Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Degen to approve filing a Quit Claim Deed for a small piece of ground in Lynn Township Sections 22 & 27. This filing was necessary due to a change in a river channel.
- Request from the City of Boyden to place stop signs and speed limit signs on Kennedy Avenue on the North side of Boyden. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the placement of a stop sign in Boyden, pending passage by the Boyden City Council. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported that he is preparing a joint resolution with the City of Hawarden to place a stop sign at the intersection of 460<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue L.
- Told the Board that a letter was received from the Iowa DOT about a small piece of property near Hoppers, used in the construction of Highway 60 that is for sale. The City of Hoppers is interested in using this property to put up signage for the city.
- Reported that he has been working with FEMA showing them sites that were damaged by flooding.

**14-09-30 8** Committee Reports:

- **Bloemendaal** – Attended the following meetings: 1) Regional Transit Authority. 2) Zoning. Mid-America intends to expand their substation at 2649 470<sup>th</sup> Street. 3) Airport Board (Sybesma also attended.) Could be able to bid the project to move dirt for the runway as early as May 2015. FAA has given “SXK” as the Airport Identifier Code. 4) Mid-Sioux meeting. FEMA wasn’t doing anything for individuals with flood damage. Still looking at a new location for that agency in Sioux Center. Would like to locate near Interstates Electric.
- **Sybesma** – Attended an airport meeting in Kansas City. He was able to make contact with some members of the FAA. The Regional Airport Board is limited to about \$3.3 million in costs for that project per year. It is hoped that the airport will be open in 2017. A grant was received from Iowa DOT for buildings for that project.
- **Wright** – Attended the following meetings: 1) Two Sioux Rivers MHDS meetings. They have been working on their Management Plan. The Sioux County Board will need

to approve a management report at a later meeting. 2) YES Board. Wright noted that staff was cut back dramatically and that state payments were received. There is a contract in place with Dakota County which currently provides services for two clients. Transportation is an important service that the center provides. 3) NW Iowa Development. Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, will be at a meeting in Sheldon on October 13 at 6:00. Awards will be given at this meeting. 4) SYNERGY Advisory Board – Jackson Recovery is that agency’s in-house program. Mike Reynolds, director of SYNERGY will meet with the Board of Supervisors at their October 14 meeting. 5) Immigration Meeting at which discussion was held about issuance of a special temporary drivers permit for immigrants. Also in attendance were Sybesma and Bloemendaal. 6) Wright also asked about hiring a new GIS Technician because of the resignation of Penny Vossler. A decision about filling the position with a full time or part time employee was deferred until a later meeting.

- **Degen** – 1) Told the board that a house in Hawarden has been offered for sale to the city or the county. It was decided to let the owner know that the county is not interested in that property. 2) Reminded board members of Judge Scott’s retirement party that will be held on Friday, October 4 in the courtroom.
- **Kleinwolverink** – 1) Attended an Iowa Region three and four RWIB & CEO meeting last week. 2) Will go to the FSA office to sign papers on behalf of the board. 3) Asked Joyce Murphy, Wellness Coordinator, to report on participation in the Employee Wellness Program. Murphy reported that as of Sept 8 the percentage of participation for next year is 1.77 points per employee, a large reduction from last year. The Wellness Committee asked the Board to reward employees who participate in the program with 8 hours of paid time off to help generate participation. This time must be used, at the department heads discretion, between January 1 and April 1 of 2015. Motion by Kleinwolverink and supported by Wright to allow 8 hours of paid time off to employees who have participated in this year’s Wellness Program. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**14-09-30 9** A committee was organized to submit proposals to the Board in regard to revisions to the Sioux County Employee Handbook. Those appointed are Supervisors Arlyn Kleinwolverink; Dennis Wright; a representative of the County Attorney’s staff; and Auditor, Lois Huitink.

**14-09-30 10** Claims as submitted by the Auditor’s office were approved for payment

**14-09-30 11** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor