

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2015**

**10-20-15 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on October 20, 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.

**10-20-15 2** Minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2015 were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**10-20-15 3** Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney

- Introduced Erin Hecht, hired to fill the position of Victim Witness Coordinator. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the hiring of Erin Hecht. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported that Judge Edward Jacobson has ordered a 100-year prison sentence cut in half for Rochelle Sapp, who pled guilty to Manslaughter, Child Endangerment Causing Death, and Child Endangerment Multiple Acts in the death of Autumn Elgersma. A change in sentencing has to be done within one year of the original sentencing. This reduction of sentence will make Sapp eligible for parole earlier.

**10-20-15 4** COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bloemendaal** – 1) At the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission meeting the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Plan was amended to allow for additional costs for the new bridge being planned north of Rock Valley on K-30. 2) Regional Transit Authority, or RIDES, meeting an independent audit report for year ending June 30, 2015 was presented. A significant increase in fund balance was noted.
- **Degen** – 1) Noted that the Building Committee is looking into replacing the Boardroom chairs. 2) Told the Supervisors that the Conservation Department has been overwhelmed and is contemplating hiring another naturalist.
- **Kleinwolterink** – Attended a Landfill Meeting.
- **Wright** – Reported on a department head meeting held this morning. There is currently only one job opening in the county. Most of the meetings' discussion revolved around re-writing the County Employee Handbook.
- **Sybesma** – Told the Supervisors that he is working with Sheriff's department deputies in regard to wages for next fiscal year.

**10-20-15 5** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Requested Board approval of the following permit agreement:  
Premier Communications – pull fiber optic cable through existing conduit in section 29 of Holland Township.  
Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Degen to approve the aforementioned permit agreement. Motion carried unanimous in favor.

- Updated the Board on ongoing Secondary Road projects. Noted that it may be possible to pay for part of the Oak Grove Park paving project from Secondary Road Fund dollars.

**10-20-15 6** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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