

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2008**

**08-10-21 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were Dennis Wright, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, Arlyn Kleinwolterink and John Degen.

**08-10-21 2** Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2008, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**08-10-21 3** Coleman McAllister, County Attorney

- Introduced Rock Valley High School Senior, Taylor Harberts who is observing the County Attorney today.

**08-10-21 4** Anita Van Bruggen, County Recorder's third quarter 2008 Revenue Report was accepted for information.

**08-10-21 5** Committee Reports

- Wright – YES Board Report: Some Nebraska counties would like to use the YES Center for youth detention. They will pay \$150.00 a day to use the facility. Their request was approved by the YES Board.
- Degen – The E-911 Communications Board is advertising in support of the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot issue for the E-911 surcharge to increase to \$1.00.
- Sybesma – Distributed the Third Judicial audit report.

**08-10-21 6** Shane Walter, Community Services Director

- Requested that the Board approve a separation of distance waiver for a hog confinement building to be constructed by Tom Kellen located in Nassau Township. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Beernink to approve a separation of distance waiver for a hog confinement building in Nassau Township. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported on Veteran's Affairs Administrator matters.
- Reviewed progress being made by Bison Energy on the Methane Plant.
- Reported that construction on the Cheese Plant near Hull should be completed in November.

**08-10-21 7** Micah Van Maanen, County Information Technology Director reported that installation of the new telephone system went well. He also stated that an auction for county computer equipment is currently being held.

**08-10-21 8** Sioux County Immigration Focus Group Report: Kurt Wierda presented a report on progress made by the Sioux County Immigration Focus Group. Concern about immigration issues were brought to the Board in February. In response to that meeting, an Immigration Focus Group was formed. Wierda listed lessons that the group has learned in

its investigation and well as steps that should be taken to improve relations between various ethnic groups.

### **Lessons Learned**

1. The residents of Sioux County value all people.
2. Immigrants have solid rural family values, a strong work ethic and respect for authority.
3. Immigrants are addressing workforce needs of the county.
4. The immigration population in northwest Iowa continues to grow.
5. Immigrants have been good for our communities.

### **Actions to take:**

Step #1 – Hold politicians accountable for practical solutions. Present the Focus Group power point to local, state and federal decision-makers.

Step #2 – Develop a media campaign that will provide the public with thoughtful consideration of issues regarding our immigrant population.

Step #3 – Provide learning opportunities for the public regarding immigration and its impact in our communities.

Supervisor Wright noted that the Immigration Focus Group was made up of a group of committed individuals with various backgrounds. He expressed his appreciation to all of the members of the committee. Wright stated that this is just the beginning – the project needs to be carried on. Members of the Focus Group expressed appreciation to the County Attorney and Sheriff for their participation in this committee. County Attorney McAllister stated that this issue cries out for some solution. Also mentioned by members of the group was that in the future funding may be needed. The group also requested support from the Board of Supervisors for future planning. Chairman Sybesma stated that Sioux County wishes to welcome the immigrants as neighbors and avoid possible problems that have occurred in other communities.

**08-10-21 9** Doug Julius, County Engineer,

- Submitted the following permit agreements for Board approval:
  1. Northwest REC: Set poles in County right-of-way in Sections 25 and 26 of Floyd Township, Sections 7 and 8 of Plato Township and Section 31 of Reading Township.
  2. Southern Sioux Rural Water – Install water line crossing Harrison Avenue 80 ft. north of Highway 10 in between Sections 33 and 34 of West Branch Township.
  3. Mid American Energy – (Change from previous request) Install electrical line on the west side of Ironwood Avenue in Section 30 of Sheridan Township.
  4. City of Hull – Run water line on the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Brown Street to Hayes Avenue and on the east side of Hayes Avenue to a point directly east of the school, across Hayes Avenue to the school lot.

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

- Asked for the Chairman's signature on a certification as to completion of work on project No. L-URD1-06—73-84-PAVE, L-URD2-06-00-73-84-Pave and L-URD3-06—73-84-PAVE, consisting of PCC pavement on Garfield Avenue from 420th Street north 3 miles on 400th Street from Garfield Avenue east 2.47 miles and on Grant Avenue from 400th Street north 0.76 miles west of Sioux Center. Motion by Beernink and supported by Kleinwolverink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign said certification. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Updated the Board on ongoing projects. White lines will be applied in the near future to roads that were resurfaced this summer.

**08-10-21 10** Claims as submitted by the County Auditor were approved.

**08-10-21 11** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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