

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

**08-11-12 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 Dennis Wright, Vernon Beernink, Mark Sybesma, Arlyn Kleinwolterink and John Degen.

**08-11-12 2** Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2008, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**08-11-12 3** Lisa Rowenhorst, County Election Administrator reported on results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Wright to approve the canvass of the General Election returns including special and late absentee ballots that were received and properly postmarked after the polls closed in accordance with Section 53.17, Code of Iowa, showing the following election returns in Sioux County. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**President/Vice President**

John McCain/Sarah Palin	Republican	13,490
Barack Obama/Joe Biden	Democratic	3,030
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell Castle	Constitution Party	43
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemmente	Green Party	17
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root	Libertarian	31
Gloria La Riva/Robert Moses	Party for Socialism and Liberation	1
Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez	Peace and Freedom	34
Brian Moore/Stewart Alexander	Socialist Party USA	0
James Harris/Alyson Kennedy	Socialist Workers Party	0

**United States Senator**

Christopher Reed	Republican	11,945
Tom Harkin	Democratic	4,291

**United States Representative (District 5)**

Steve King	Republican	13,207
Rob Hubler	Democratic	2,752
Victor Vara	Independent	246

**State Senator (District 2)**

Randy Feenstra	Republican	13,624
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**State Representative (District 3)**

Chuck Soderberg	Republican	4,530
T.J. Templeton	Democratic	1,017

**State Representative (District 4)**

Dwayne Alons	Republican	8,198
James Van Bruggen	Democratic	1,022

**State Representative (District 5)**

Royd E. Chambers	Republican	1,043
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**Board of Supervisors (District 1)**

John Degen	Republican	2608	Elected
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**Board of Supervisors (District 3)**

Al Bloemendaal	Republican	2,986	Elected
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**Board of Supervisors (District 4)**

Mark Sybesma	Republican	2,832	Elected
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**County Auditor**

Lois Huitink	Republican	14,709	Elected
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**County Sheriff**

Dan Altena	Republican	14,842	Elected
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**County Treasurer (To Fill Vacancy)**

Randy Jacobsma	Republican	14,630	Elected
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**Soil and Water District Commissioners**

Howard Hulshof		7,101	Elected
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John Kooiker		7,404	Elected
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Jerry Muilenburg		7,260	Elected
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**County Agricultural Extension Council**

Harlan De Haan		7,196	Elected
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Fred Sick		6,750	Elected
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Terry Hooyer		6,876	Elected
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Debra A. Vanden Berg		6,210	Elected
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**Constitutional Amendment** – “Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted?”

SUMMARY: Changes the language that describes a person who cannot legally vote from “idiot or insane person” to “a person adjudged mentally incompetent to vote.”

11,445	YES
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1,739	NO
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**Public Measure A** – Shall the following public measure be adopted?

“Enhanced 911 emergency telephone services shall be funded, in whole or in part, by a monthly surcharge of \$1.00 on each telephone access line collected as part of each telephone subscriber’s monthly phone bill if provided within Sioux County.”

8,503	YES
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5,080	NO
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**Public Measure B** – Shall the following public measure be adopted:

“Should the County Board of Supervisors fill the office of trustees and clerk within a township by appointment of the Board?”

25	YES
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6	NO
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**Public Measure C** - Shall the following public measure be adopted:

“Should the County Board of Supervisors fill the office of trustees and clerk within a township by appointment of the Board?”

34	YES
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12	NO
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**08-11-12 4** Randy Jacobsma was sworn in as County Treasurer by the Chairman of the Board.

**08-11-12 5** Ross Simmelink, County Assessor and Randy Jacobsma, County Treasurer met with the Board to discuss a Tax Abatement matter. Rock Valley Rural Water reported that eight parcels owned by that agency should have been tax exempt and the agency is requesting that these parcels be made tax exempt. Motion by Beernink and supported by Degen to refund the payment made for the first half of taxes for 2008/2009 for eight parcels of property owned by Rock Valley Rural Water and that the remainder of the tax for that year be abated. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**08-11-12 6** Randy Jacobsma, County Treasurer reported that delinquent tax notices were mailed last week. Noted that motor vehicle registrations will increase in January.

**08-11-12 7** Lois Huitink, County Auditor requested that the Board allow her to extend bids for actuarial services to three firms recommended by ISAC. Bids will then be submitted to the Board for their review and final approval.

**08-11-12 8** Kim Westerholm, Community Health Partners Director presented a quarterly report. The message of the Public Health Campaign is that “public health focuses on the health of the entire population while they are still healthy rather than treating the individual when they become ill.” Westerholm requested that signage be placed at the Public Health/DHS Building. The request was referred to the Building Committee. Sybesma noted that a bid has been received for handicap accessible door openers in the DHS/Public Health Building and Courthouse. The Building Committee will continue to investigate the purchase and installation of handicap accessible door openers.

**08-11-12 9** Micah Van Maanen, IT Director advised the Board that it will be necessary in the near future to upgrade audio/visual equipment in the Public Safety Center training room.

**08-11-12 10** Motion by Beernink and supported by Wright to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Mid-Sioux’s request for funding under the Joint Homeless Assistance Program to provide rent and utility assistance. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**08-11-12 1** As this was the date and 10:00 a.m. the time set for a Public Hearing on an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Construction Permit Application for Stoutjesdyk Dairy for the proposed construction of a new dairy confinement building to be located in Section 36 of Center Township said hearing was held according to law. The Master Matrix score was within requirements. Shane Walter, Zoning Administrator noted that no comments either written or oral were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolterink to forward a letter of approval to the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.

**08-11-12 2** Shane Walter, Community Services Director – Reported that due to a retirement in the DHS office, a new contact person for DHS will be assigned.

**08-11-12 3** Joyce Vermeer, Empowerment Director presented a request for the Chairman’s signature on NICE/Mid - Sioux Outreach Bi-Lingual Service Contract. Discussion was held on the necessity of the Board’s signature on fiscal agent contracts.

**08-11-12 4** Committee Reports

- Kleinwolterink – reported that repairs to the courtroom have begun.
- Sybesma and Wright met with the Hope Haven RTC.
- Kleinwolterink gave a crop report from the Hope Haven property.

**08-11-12 5** Doug Julius, County Engineer:

- Requested that the Board sign the following permit agreements:
  - ⊘ Mid American Energy – Install 40’ pole and anchor in south right-of-way line on 390<sup>th</sup> street and crossing 390<sup>th</sup> with overhead primary wire in Section 4 of Floyd Township.

- ⊠ Southern Sioux Rural Water – Bore 1 ½ inch PVC service line crossing 510<sup>th</sup> street approximately 100 feet west of the half mile line in Section 34 of Logan Township.
- ⊠ Iowa Communications Network (ICN) – Replace 300’ of fiber optic cable approximately 768’ south of 360<sup>th</sup> street on the east side of county road L22 in Section 22 of Lynn Township.

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

- Presented the Final Pay Vouchers for two asphalt resurfacing jobs:  
FM-CO84 (121) –55-84 and STP-S-CO84 (120) –5E-84  
Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the final pay vouchers for asphalt resurfacing work. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reviewed a policy for a sanding that was presented to secondary road workers.
- Updated the board on ongoing road projects.

**08-11-12 6** Claims as submitted by the County Auditor were approved.

**08-11-12 7** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. until Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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