

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2015**

**15-12-08 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on December 8, 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.

**15-12-08 2** Minutes of the meeting held on December 1, 2015, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**15-12-08 3** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Asked the Board to sign a Certification as to Completion of Work. Motion by Degen supported by Kleinwolterink to sign a Certification as to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance for Project L-6-2015—73-84, a structural plate pipe arch culvert located West of Section 6 of Center Township. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Submitted the 2015 Annual Weed Commissioners Report. Julius reported that Leafy Spurge was the most troublesome weed this year. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright to accept the 2015 Weed Commissioners Report.
- Requested that the Board formally approve authorization to sign easement documents for Dakota Access on behalf of the Board. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Kleinwolterink to authorize Sioux County Engineer, Doug Julius to sign easement documents for Dakota Access on behalf of the Board. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reviewed ongoing activities in the Secondary Road Department.

**15-12-08 4** Hugh Lively, Director of RIDES, asked the Board for the same financial support as was requested last year (\$8,000.00). For FY 2015/2016 the Board approved \$3,000.00.

**15-12-08 5** John Kooiker, Sioux County Soil and Water Conservation District requested \$6,370.00 to fund education related projects. Mary Nyhof, Secretary prepared information for the Boards dissemination in regard to ongoing projects partially funded by the County Contribution. Also present for this discussion were: Greg Marek, Kendal Roetman and Howard Hulshof.

**15-12-08 6** Nate De Hoogh, President of the Sioux County Library Association, presented a formal request for a 4.6% increase in funding for the libraries in FY 2016/2017. Representatives from various libraries included: Nicole McCray, Shari Fedders, Hope Kreykes, Cheryl Hoekstra, Sue Kroesche, Val Haverhals, Kay Joiner, Lisa Dykstra and Kirby Nykamp. De Hoogh cited the following reasons why the libraries are requesting an increase in funding.

I. Technology plays a vital role in the library today, for both patrons and staff. There are new requirements for state reporting. The State needs to know how many Wi-Fi devices are in each library, and wishes to track usage.

II. Costs for paper based resources are increasing.

III. The Libraries want to maintain high quality of services.

**15-12-08 7** COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Kleinwolterink** – 1) Report from the Wellness Committee: 124 people participated in the Wellness program in 2015. 10 employees did not participate in any events. 21 employees did not participate in all of the offered wellness events. For Fiscal Year 2016/2017 the savings will be 5%. Because of employee participation a reduction in premiums for Health Insurance (\$68,000) was experienced for fiscal year 2015/2016. An additional \$17,000 was left on the table because of those who did not participate. 2) Kleinwolterink, Degen and Rob Klocke, Sioux County Conservation Director met at the ASCS office to determine the location of land owned by the County that is currently enrolled in CRP (Conservation Reserve Program.)
- **Degen** – 1) Went to a Coalition of Emergency Management meeting yesterday. Sioux County has a contract with Sioux City Emergency Management for them to respond to any HAZMAT event within the County. The Sioux City Fire Chief and Hazmat Director were present at this meeting. 2) Denny Vander Wel, head custodian has done a report on energy consumption for the past year. 8% less energy is being consumed since the geothermal system was installed. This data includes Gas, Electric and Water. 3) The FAA will remove the control tower west of town.
- **Wright** – and Sybesma went to Le Mars for a legislative Forum on Mental Health. Matters discussed with the legislators included equalizing levies for counties within a Region, ongoing problems with Medicaid, and an anticipated cut in rates to Mental Health providers. A 10% cut would have a huge financial impact on agencies like Hope Haven and Village Northwest. A decision on the rate reduction has been postponed to April 1, 2016. Wright and Shane Walter, Sioux County CPC, will meet with the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors this afternoon.

**15-12-08 8** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor