

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**09-12-15 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 John Degen, Dennis Wright, Al Bloemendaal, Mark Sybesma and Arlyn Kleinwolterink.

**09-12-15 2** Minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2009, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

**09-12-15 3** Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney

- Bids for elevator maintenance were received from Schumacher Elevator Company and OTIS Elevator Company. Annual contracts with a 90 day termination window were submitted. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Bloemendaal to continue the contract with OTIS Elevator Company for elevator maintenance in the Courthouse and DHS/Public Health Building. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Correspondence was received from Williams and Company regarding the County's plan to issue a loan to the Regional Airport. Sioux County Attorney McAllister and Sioux County Auditor Huitink will review the matter with the State Auditor.
- Nothing further to report on the Sioux Pharm case.

**09-12-15 4** Shane Walter, Community Services Director

- Informed the Board that the Iowa Department of Human Services recommended that the Cherokee Mental Health Center remain open. Some adjustments will be made to staff due to closure of the Mount Pleasant facility.
- Distributed "forecasting" documentation in respect to the budget for FY 2010/2011 and following years.

**09-12-15 5** Cynthia Beauman, Chief Executive Officer Northwest Aging Association met with the Board to present that agency's funding request for FY 2011. The association provides home and community based services. Beauman requested funding in the amount of \$2.70 for each person 60 and older, which equates to \$15,944 for Sioux County. Beauman stated that a matter of concern for Northwest Aging Association is that in 2011 the legislature will eliminate the Senior Living Trust Fund. Present for this discussion was Mabel Mantel.

**09-12-15 6** The Sioux Center Library Association presented its' annual budget request for FY 2010/2011. Coleman McAllister, President of the Sioux County Library Association presented information on behalf of the association. McAllister stated that library facilities in Sioux County are a very integral part of each community. Library usage has increased over the past years. Libraries contribute to an educated citizenry. Because costs are increasing, the association is requesting an increase of 4% for FY 2010/2011. Chairman Sybesma expressed his appreciation to the members of the association that were present for the meeting. Members present were: Dave Netz, Sioux Center Public Library; Matt Hoehamer, Hull Public Library; Val Haverhals, Hawarden Public Library; Hope Hofland, Hospers Public

Library; Karla Chase, Orange City Public Library; Cheryl Hoekstra, Alton Public Library; Nancy Olivier, Rock Valley Public Library; and Lorna Van Maanen, Rock Valley Public Library. Dave Netz informed the Board that a community study has been done which includes the impact of libraries in rural settings.

**09-12-15 7** Committee Reports:

- **Wright** – The cheese plant has been sold in Hull. The Human Resources Director of the new ownership attended a meeting with the Hull City Council yesterday. The HR Director shared that current employees will retain their jobs. A new cheese line will open by spring of 2011. A water storage tank will be added to the property which will relieve the strain on the Hull water system.
- **Kleinwolterink** – Attended a NW Iowa Regional Landfill meeting last Wednesday. He reported that a new cell needs to be started.
- **Bloemendaal and Sybesma** - Attended a meeting at the Sioux Center City offices regarding the Regional Airport. The consultant and attorney for the Regional Airport Board were included in the meeting via a telephone connection. Plans will likely proceed after January 11, 2010, when City Council meetings in Orange City and Sioux Center are held. Costs that have been incurred to date have been reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Authority at a rate of 95%. Zoning issues will need to be addressed following the purchase of property.

**09-12-15 8** Lois Huitink, Sioux County Auditor shared property valuations that will be used for tax preparation for FY2010/2011. Total rural taxable valuations for the County increased 3.92% from last year. Total urban taxable valuations increased 6.67%. The total amount of taxable value in Tax Increment Financing districts for 2009 values totals \$213,518,543.

**09-12-15 9** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Requested that the Board approve and the Chairman sign a lease agreement on South Dakota Property. The lease will run from March 2010 to March 2011 and will automatically renew. The lease is with Bill Boyer. Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a lease agreement with Bill Boyer for property in South Dakota in the amount of \$8,900. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Requested the Chairman's signature on the final Iowa DOT Contract Construction Progress Voucher for project BROS-84(125)—5F-84 Bridge Replacement. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned progress voucher. Motion Carried, unanimous in favor.
- Requested the Chairman's signature on three final Iowa DOT Contract Construction Progress Vouchers for resurfacing projects FM-CO84(128)—55-84, FM-CO84(129)—55-84 and ESFM-CO84(130)—5S-84. Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned progress vouchers. Motion Carried, unanimous in favor.
- Reported that two long time employees of the Engineers department will soon retire. Bernie Rhods will retire after working for Secondary Roads for 38 years and 4 months. Audley Van Peurseem will retire after 41 years and 11 months of County service. Julius will likely advertise for replacements depending on internal promotions.

- Informed the Supervisors that workers have been busy removing ice and snow pack from County roadways. Also noted work at the County Farm has been completed. The gravel pit at Fairview will revert to its' original owner at the end of 2009.

**09-12-15 10** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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