

## MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2016

**16-08-02 1** The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 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.

**16-08-02 2** Minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2016, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.

**16-08-02 3** For the record: Claims were approved via electronic vote on July 28, 2016.

**16-08-02 4** Thomas Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney

- Told the Board about an interesting situation in a case involving DNA evidence. The person who had run the DNA test was unable to testify because she was on suspension in an unrelated matter. An associate was able to testify in her place and the case was adjudicated in the County Attorney's favor.
- It is Meghan List's last day working for the County Attorney today. She will be working at Dickinson County. Kunstle will begin the process to fill that position.
- Alisson Kamp will begin her duties as the Victim Witness Coordinator next week.
- A Regional Airport 28E agreement has been reviewed. Brad De Jong and Brian Van Engen, attorneys for the cities of Orange City and Sioux Center respectively, have made some changes to the document. Kunstle and Sybesma will review the documents subsequent to the changes.

**16-08-02 5** Tim Zeutenhorst, Agent for Van Engelenhoven Insurance, thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide coverage for the County. ICAP (Iowa Community Assurance Pool) has begun providing a property valuation service. Buildings with a value of \$200,000 or more will be revalued by Valuations Northwest. After the study ICAP will come back to the Board with recommendations. Zeutenhorst reported that IMWCA (Iowa Municipalities Workers Compensation Association) claims have been exceptionally low in Sioux County. This translates into a 65% reduction from the pure premium which is an approximate premium of \$252,549 to \$165,156. The County earns other credits and discounts coming to a final premium of approximately \$81,024. The County employees are very safety conscious and are furnished with good equipment, which is reflected with the very low premiums.

**16-08-02 6** Shane Walter, Sioux County Community Services Director, told the Board that meetings at the NACo Annual Conference were very good. Walter will bring information on NACo's Stepping Up program to Sioux Rivers Mental Health and then will ask for a resolution from each of the participating Counties to implement this program. He noted that this is an impressive program which provides materials and resources for the Counties to use in order to place people with mental illnesses in in-patient treatment facilities rather than in jail.

**16-08-02 7** Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Reported that the RISE application for paving 460<sup>th</sup> Street to the Regional Airport has been approved and was received yesterday. A letting will be held on August 16, 2016.

- Pipeline Update: Distributed a map of the area and reported that the shop foremen provide daily reports to the County Engineer.
- Updated the Board on the 2016 Project map.
- Invited the Board to inspect the new motor grader which is parked outside the Courthouse.

**16-08-02 8      Committee Reports:**

- **Bloemendaal** – Went to the Sioux Center Chamber office for a review on moving the fair grounds. A 100 page report was submitted. Bloemendaal asked the Auditor to run copies of that document for the Boards review. Comments on the report may be submitted to Paul Clousing or Dennis Dokter at the Sioux Center City Office.
- **Degen** –1) Attended an emergency management meeting while at NACo. Protocol for emergency situations was discussed. A FEMA officer was there also. 2) Went to an EMS meeting in Hawarden. An upgrade to the communications center will happen very soon. Cost for the upgrade will be paid by E-911 revenues.
- **Kleinwolterink** – 1) Attended a Safety Committee meeting. 2) Went to a Cherokee Mental Health meeting. They are very short staffed. The sex offender unit grows each year.
- **Sybesma** – Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. has asked the county to sign a pledge letter so that the agency can submit its grant application for next year. Consensus of the Board is to wait until after the next meeting of the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund Board to decide whether to continue participation in the program.
- **Wright** – 1) Attended the NACo convention with Supervisors Bloemendaal, Degen and Kleinwolterink. He reported that there were many good meetings. NACo’s “Step It Up Program” designed to help get those with mental health issues out of jail was of special note. 2) The meeting that was to be held with Sioux Rivers yesterday was cancelled due to Woodbury County concerns about open meeting laws.

**16-08-02 9**      The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

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Lois Huitink  
Sioux County Auditor