

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2016

16-08-30 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Vice-Chairman John Degen presiding. Members present were, Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink and Dennis Wright. Chairman Mark Sybesma was not present for this meeting.

16-08-30 2 Minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2016, were submitted, and the Vice-Chairman declared them approved.

16-08-30 3 Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to appoint Michael De Jong to the office of Rock Township Clerk. Motion carried, all in favor, one member absent.

16-08-30 4 Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Wright to approve permit applications. Motion carried, all in favor, one member absent.
 - a. Northwest REC – Install underground electric in the ditch in Sections 8 and 17 of Nassau Township
 - b. City of Hawarden – Install fiber optic cable along 440th Street and Avenue L in Buncombe Township ditch on the south side of 290th Street in section 13 of Rock Township for approximately ½ mile.
- On August 16th a letting was held for a 460th Street grading project. The low bid of \$150,658.27 submitted by Vander Pol Excavating was forwarded to the Iowa Department of Transportation for approval. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Wright, to accept the low bid, in concurrence with the IDOT. Motion carried, all in favor, one member absent. The late starting date for the project is September 12, 2016.
- Secondary Road culvert extensions are being completed. Ditch cleaning, grades, mowing guard rail and mowing is also being done by road workers
- Pipeline update: Boring is nearing completion.
- Updated the Board on progress made on 2016 construction projects. Julius reported that a lot of activity is happening on the west side of the county.

16-08-30 5 Dave Miller, Rock Valley Economic Development Director and Mark Gaul, Orange City Economic Development Director met with the Board in regard to a study done by Eco-engineers. Miller asked the Board how much interest there is in the project. On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman stated that the Board would prefer that the project be done as a cooperative effort between cities and the Board, with cities providing leadership. Wright stated that the cost of the project is cautionary. Miller will ask Eco-engineers to further research a site south of Perkins.

16-08-30 6 Mark Gaul, Economic Development Director for the City of Orange City requested that the Board prepare a letter of support for that city's proposal to be the starting location for the Registers Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa in 2017. Motion by Kleinwolterink and supported by Wright to send a letter of support for Orange City's request to be the starting city for RAGBRAI in 2017. Motion carried, unanimous in favor, one member absent.

16-08-30 7 Motion by Wright and supported by Kleinwolverink to support a voluntary annexation proposal by the City of Sioux Center. Supervisor Bloemendaal abstained from this vote. Supervisors Degen, Kleinwolverink and Wright voted in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

16-08-30 8 Motion by Wright and supported by Bloemendaal to send a letter approving a cash contribution that can be applied toward the local match requirement (\$15,613) for the FY17 State Housing Trust Fund application. Motion carried, all in favor, one member absent. Wright expressed the desire to have someone from NW Regional Housing Trust Fund meet with the Board of Supervisors. Bloemendaal will make that request at their next meeting.

16-08-30 9 Committee Reports:

- **Bloemendaal** –1) Northwest Iowa Planning and Development meeting. Carol Keizer asked about Sioux County’s participation in the Northwest Iowa Housing Trust Fund. 2) RIDES meeting – revenue and expenditure reports for June and July were unavailable because of Medicaid changes. 3) Regional Airport board meeting. The entire runway has been landscaped. The mechanical building is under construction. Contributions are being accepted for the enhanced terminal building and MALSR. 4) Sioux County Bike Trails meeting for those affected by a proposed bike trail between Sandy Hollow and Orange City. 5) Attended 4-H Youth Fair Board meeting.
- **Degen** – E-911 meeting at the Sheriff’s office. Discussion was held about the communication tower west of Orange City. A more conservative approach is being researched in which the tower would be re-tethered and the building replaced at that site. Moving the tower to the Public Safety Center site would be more expensive.
- **Kleinwolverink** – Went to three meetings: RAGBRAI, 4-H Youth Fair Board, and Sioux County Trails.
- **Wright** – 1) Attended a special committee meeting at the Iowa State Association of Counties office to formulate a request to bring to the legislature in regard to Mental Health funding. 2) YES board meeting –the Bureau of Indian Affairs has raised their budget for the YES center from \$100,000 to \$200,000. 3) Wright, Bloemendaal and Kleinwolverink met with the Sioux County Fair Board to discuss moving the Fair Grounds. In attendance were representatives from the City of Sioux Center, Dordt College, the Saddle Club, the Trotters Association and the Fair Board. 4) Regional Mental Health meeting – reported that it was an excellent meeting. Progress is being made on getting those with mental illness out of jails and into the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center is functioning well. Hope Haven is a leader in placing disabled people in jobs.

16-08-30 10 Claims submitted by the Auditor were approved as presented.

16-08-30 11 The Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

John Degen, Vice- Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor