

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON MARCH 14, 2017**

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Arlyn Kleinwolterink, Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, and Al Bloemendaal.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2017, were submitted, and the Chairman declared them approved.
- 3) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney, informed the Board about the weapons bill that recently passed the State House. The County's Weapon Policy may need to be revised if this bill becomes law.
- 4) Motion by Degen and supported by Kleinwolterink to approve the Wellmark health insurance renewal agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Justin Jacobsma, Williams and Company, CPA, reviewed the FY2016 Audit Report with the Board. Their opinion expressed is a clean one, and the County has 124 days of fund balance for operating expense. The target range is between 90 and 120 days. The Board accepted the FY2016 Audit Report.
- 6) As this was the date and 9:15 a.m. the time set for a Public Hearing to hear the first reading of the proposed amendment to the General Assistance Ordinance #3. Sioux County General Assistance Director, Aaron Haverdink shared the following:

Funeral

1. The Director of Sioux County Community Services shall be contacted with a request for assistance PRIOR TO the provision of funeral services.
2. **Vendor payment for funeral expense is limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per person for cremation from Sioux County. No embalming will be allowed which necessitates the services be performed within 72 hours of death.** The funeral home may collect up to an additional \$2,000 of the total funeral expenses from the family of the deceased or another third party.
3. The General Assistance office must have an itemized statement of all funeral expenses before a warrant will be issued to the vendor. Included expenses shall be:
  - a. Removal of the deceased from location of death, i.e., hospital
  - b. Preparation of the deceased (cosmetology, dressing, etc.)
  - c. Arrangements (meeting with family, etc.)
  - d. Visitation (for a maximum of one hour immediately prior to the service)
  - e. Service at the funeral home (including all staff, equipment and facilities)
  - f. Automotive transport (transfer of deceased to crematory and retrieval of ashes from crematory, etc.)
  - g. Required Fees (Medical Examiner, etc.)

4. Payment will not be allowed for clothing, flowers, clergy, organist, media notifications, food, etc. and/or death certificate.
5. General Assistance will not pay more than the actual cost of funeral expense after family, friends, and estate contributions towards those costs is made.
6. The maximum that will be paid for burial of non-resident indigent transients is \$250 as stated in Chapter 252.27 in the Code of Iowa.

No comments were received from the public. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Final reading and approval will take place at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

7) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer

- Presented a permit agreement for Northwest REC to bury an electric cable along K18 near Chatsworth, then along the County line on 450<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Wright and supported by Degen to approve the permit. Motion carried unanimously.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activity as well as the progress of the bridge project at Rock Valley.

8) Committee Reports:

- **Kleinwolterink** – attended a wellness meeting..
- **Wright, Sybesma, Degen, Bloemendaal** – attended County Day at the Capitol and the ISAC Legislative Conference. Excellent sessions were held.
- **Degen** – met with Rob Klocke and Doug Julius in regards to the dirt coming from Sandy Hollow when the two ponds are joined. Julius could potentially use the dirt for upcoming road projects.

9) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

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Mark Sybesma, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor