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NEWS RELEASE

2020 Primary Election

Absentee Voting in the Primary Encouraged in Light of Health Concerns

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ORANGE CITY – Sioux County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections, Ryan Dokter, is strongly encouraging voters wishing to vote in the June 2 Primary Election to vote absentee by mail due to the recent concerns with coronavirus and COVID-19.

“Most of our election workers are in the age group that is susceptible to contracting the coronavirus, and for their safety and the safety of the public, voting an absentee ballot by mail is the best way to protect the health of everyone involved,” Auditor Dokter said. “Absentee ballot request forms can be submitted to the Auditor’s Office now and ballots will be mailed beginning April 23, 2020”.

Dokter said polling locations will be open for voting on June 2, but is urging voters to utilize the option to vote by mail.

Absentee ballots must be requested in writing. Absentee request forms can be downloaded from the Iowa Secretary of State’s website at the following link:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html> or from the Sioux County website at:

<https://siouxcounty.org/election-information/> or the form can be requested from the Sioux County

Auditor’s office by calling 712-737-2216. Requests can be submitted immediately.

Absentee requests to vote by mail must be received in the Auditor’s Office by 5 p.m. May 22.

Voters are reminded that for the Primary Election they must choose a political party on the request form in order to receive the correct ballot.

Absentee voters are also reminded they will need to provide a personal identification number (PIN) when voting absentee either in person or by mail. That PIN will most likely be your Iowa driver’s license number or your Iowa non-operator’s ID number. If a voter does not have either of those, the voter should have been sent a PIN in December from the Iowa Secretary of State’s Office.

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