

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint City/County/School meeting**

Monday, February 3, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.  
The Knights of Columbus Hall  
1805 W 29<sup>th</sup> Street, South Sioux City NE 68776

Chair Hohenstein called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Gomez, Gill. Absent: Rohde, Albenesius. Other elected officials in attendance: County Attorney Kim Watson, Sheriff Chris Kleinberg, Assessor Jeff Curry, County Clerk Joan Spencer, Treasurer Robert Giese.

Agenda was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies: Martin Hohenstein

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome - Dakota County Board Chair, Martin Hohenstein  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Acknowledgment of Boards and Roll Calls  
Dinner Invocation – Todd Strom  
Recognition of Special Guests
- Jerad Reimers- U. S. Congressman Adrian Smith's District Coordinator
  - WSC & NCC College Presidents

Addresses

- State of Dakota County – Board Chair Martin Hohenstein
- State of Dakota City - Mayor Jerry Yacevich
- State of South Sioux City - Mayor Rod Koch
- State of South Sioux City Schools – Todd Strom, Superintendent
- State of South Sioux City Chamber – Bart Gotch, Chairman
- State of Homer Community School District – Greg Cruickshank, Superintendent
- State of Emerson-Hubbard School District – Lindsey Beaudette, Superintendent

Presentation of Volunteer Service Award

Partnership Updates

- Census 2020 – Erica DeLeon
- Construction Pathways student housing program – Todd Strom & Jim Boeshart
- Ireton Avenue Golf Course construction project - Bryce and Will Andersen
- Safe Routes to School joint bicycle path project – Oscar Gomez
- Growing Community Connections collaboration success story – JoAnn Gieselmann

Adjourn

South Sioux City Schools will host the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting in 2021

No action was taken by the Board.

Master of Ceremonies and Board Chair Martin Hohenstein thanked Tony Gomez for his 12 years of service on the Board of Commissioners. (Commissioner Gomez announced he will not run for a 4<sup>th</sup> term.) He also thanked the Knights of Columbus for hosting the dinner and serving the meal.

Speakers:

- Steve Elliott, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Wayne State College
- Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College
- Jared Reimers, District Coordinator for US congressman Adrain Smith
- Martin Hohenstein, Commissioner Chair, Dakota County
- Jason Allen, Administrator, City of Dakota City
- Oscar Gomez, Assistant City Administrator, City of South Sioux City
- Todd Strom, Superintendent, South Sioux City Schools
- Bart Gotch, Chairman, South Sioux City Chamber
- Greg Cruickshank, Superintendent, Homer Community School
- Lindsey Beaudette, Superintendent, Emerson-Hubbard School
- Jerry Hernandez, 2020 Census
- Todd Strom and Jim Boeshart, Construction Pathways student housing program
- Bryce Andersen, Landmand Golf Club on Ireton Avenue, Homer
- Gene Maffit, Parks and Recreation, Safe Routes to School joint bicycle path project
- JoAnnGieselmann, Director, Growing Community Connections, collaboration success story

Marion Cain, Dakota City, was presented with the Volunteer Service Award: Marion Cain is the Director of the Cooperative Learning Garden under the Voices for Food Project. Marion devotes hundreds of hours to this project. In 2019 she coordinated over 90 volunteers who provided over 705 hours of volunteer time in her garden behind Tri-State Communications. A volunteer sent the following text to the Extension Office: "What a gift Marion Cain is to our

community. When taking our grandchildren to the garden, they fall in love with her instantly. It's wonderful to watch how engaged they are with her as she answers all their questions!"

This project:

- put over 17,000 pounds of produce into the food system in 2019 - 12,500 of that was grown in the grant-funded garden under direction and work of Marion Cain and the other 4,700 was collected from the community produce collection program.
- 5,583 participants picked up produce at the various locations throughout the community
- 46,442 pounds of produce has been put into the food system in 5 years. Each pound of produce translates to roughly 3 servings of fresh food to a family.
- In 2019 this accounted for 51,000 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in this community and in 5 years it has accounted for 139,326 Servings.

She is a member of the Optimist Club and is always there to help. Marion is President of the Friends of the Library for Dakota City which organizes fundraising and public relations events for the library - including the summer reading program. She also takes care of Dakota City's rose bushes in front of City Hall and the Welcome Sign. Marion is a master gardener and a member of the Master Gardeners of Sioux City. She is a Member of the Sioux City Chamberettes and always ready to help with a project when needed. Marion teaches Sunday School at Salem Lutheran Church. When her son Scott's swim team needs supper, she is there to provide supper for the whole team – at Midland in Fremont! Marion is also an accomplished pilot! (IFR rating) She competed in the Air Race for Women across the USA. Marion & Bob have six children: Christine, Michael, Bradley, Steven, Brian and Scott. This very-much-deserved award is given to you "in recognition of your willingness to give your time, skills and leadership to make an impact in Dakota County."

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2020, at 7:28 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

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Date signed

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Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary      Date