

**October 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Chris Swensen, Ben Linde, Tyler Thygesen, Rob Densen, Jim Gosset, Jen Wollsen, Joel Lundstrom, John Danos via phone, Bill Dickey via phone, Lisa England via phone, and Justin Veik via phone.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Rob Densen, Jim Gosset, Joel Lundstrom, and Jen Wollsen joined the meeting on behalf of Des Moines Area Community College. Rob Densen, president of DMACC, presented a slideshow of DMACC showing all the attributes that the college offers.

A phone call was made to Bill Dickey and Lisa England with IMWCA to discuss the return-to-work policy. They answered questions regarding the new policy changes. England said the law had changed in 2017 and they wanted to implement these updates on the new policy. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the return-to-work policy. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to accept/file the Recorder's September 2023 collected fees. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to accept/file the Sheriff's Quarterly Report of fees collected July-September 2023. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Frederiksen answered questions about the uniform patrol quarterly journal entry. The Auditor's Month End reports and the Supervisor Departmental budget balances were reviewed. Tyler Thygesen came up and explained the EMA/E911 budget to the Board. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen at 10:00 am to open the Public Hearing FY24 Audubon County Budget Amendment (#2). Vote-all in favor. No comments from the public were made. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen at 10:15 am to close the Public Hearing FY24 Audubon County Budget Amendment (#2). Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to accept/file Auditor's September 2023 month-end reconciliation reports. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Vote-all in favor. A phone call was made to Ron Pieracci from Tyler Technologies, but he did not answer. They will try to get ahold of him next week to discuss some concerns. Another phone call was made to John Danos with Dorsey & Whitney LLP to discuss county debt proceedings. Auditor Frederiksen joined the discussion. The plan was to get additional bonding to refinance the amount for the E911 tower and add on an additional 1.1 million for the HVAC project. Danos informed the Board that if the County wants to use General Obligation debt for public building related improvements, such as the HVAC, the ordinary rule would be that the total dollar amount must be under 600,000 dollars. The amount that the County needs is well above that. The next step for this circumstance would be to have it on the ballot for vote. At this point, the deadline for the upcoming election has passed and the next possible election to have it on would be next November. Danos said another option would be to have structural engineer give a professional opinion on the state of the building. If it fell into a certain category of emergency, based on the opinion of the structural engineer, it would be possible to use the General Obligation debt with just a public hearing, regardless of the dollar amount. A few other options including amending the Urban Renewal plan and using LOST funds were discussed. The Supervisors had originally thought that the funding could be rolled into the current bond, but the project doesn't fit the criteria for that. On another topic, Frederiksen asked Danos questions related to the TIF funding covering furniture for the Conservation cabins. Danos said he encouraged a line to be drawn to using TIF funds only for fixed items and not for furniture. Following the conversation with Danos, a call was made to Justin Veik to verify the HVAC bid opening for the October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Supervisor's room. The Board asked Veik for a recommendation of a structural engineer to assess the state of the Courthouse building. Chris Swensen discussed the wind turbine setback revisions with the Board. A temporary moratorium will be discussed at next week's meeting. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the resolution #2023-59 FY24 Audubon County Budget Amendment (#2) as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO.2023-59****A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT****FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2024**

**WHEREAS** Audubon County approved by a motion/vote the FY24 budget at the March 28, 2023, board meeting and signed the corresponding certification and thereafter an amendment on August 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS** Audubon County subsequently published and approved by a motion/vote the FY24 proposed budget amendment in the manner set out by Iowa Code Section 331.435 on with public notice placed in the September 29, 2023 Audubon County Advocate Journal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that in compliance with Iowa Code Section 331.434 (5) the FY23 Audubon County budget amendment is hereby formally approved as published and as presented.

Dated this 10th day of October 2023.

By: /s/Doug Sorensen  
Audubon Co Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen  
Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve resolution #2023-60 to appropriate funds per FY24 Audubon Budget Amendment (#2). Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2023-60**

**WHEREAS** on this day, the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County amended the current county budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and has published the amendment according to the law, and

**WHEREAS** it is now desired to amend the appropriations for the departments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the appropriations be amended effective October 10, 2023 as follows:

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Engineer (Dept 20 --- Function 0201 – Fund 0020) increase	\$ 3,136,139
Engineer (Dept 20 --- Function 7200 – Fund 0020) increase	\$ 135,000
Vet Affairs (Dept 21—Function 3200 – Fund 0001) increase	\$ 17,500
Transfers:	
Non-Departmental (Dept 99 –Function 0300 – Fund 0003) increase	\$2,400,000

Passed and approved this 8th day of August 2023 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

By: /s/Doug Sorensen  
Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen  
Audubon County Auditor

Thompson said he will talk to Mike Galloway regarding the Employee Handbook timeline. Discussion was held on the location, usage, and funding of the Courthouse colored printers. The Board would like to hear from Department Heads next week regarding this topic.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 pm. Vote-all in favor.

/s/Doug Sorensen  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Chassity Musfeldt  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk