

October 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:01 am by Doug Sorensen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Todd Johnson, Deb Campbell, Ben Linde, Mitch Rydl, Kent Grabill, Ashley Madsen, Barb Jacobsen, James Richardson, Brian Best, Christina Nelson, Michelle Kilmer, Angie Baylor, and Chris Swensen.

Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Mayor Barb Jacobsen and City Council member James Richardson joined the Board to discuss the County renting space at the old Audubon State Bank. Jacobsen said she would like a decision by noon on Friday October 6th. The cost of renting the bank versus the Armory was going to be one of the main deciding factors. Auditor Frederiksen answered Jacobsen's questions about how the county budgets for their current expenses. The Department Heads did not get a chance to discuss their opinions during Monday's special walk-through meeting with contractors. Frederiksen brought up possibly negotiating with the city to try to match a similar dollar amount to what the Armory had proposed for rent expenses. The Supervisors were under the impression that the Department Heads were all in favor of renting the Armory after seeing it in person. Sorensen explained that when the offer was proposed to the city, they wanted it to be a good enough offer for them to accept, and that's why it was a large amount. Jacobsen said that the city would be willing to negotiate on the price that had originally been proposed. Treasurer Campbell asked questions about the internet cost for each location. The County had heard several different ideas as to how the city was going to set-up in the old bank and were worried about having enough space to share. Jacobsen said that nothing had officially been decided. She said if they knew the County was coming in, they could plan for that, then make changes after the County was out.

Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the minutes of September 26th and September 27th. Vote-all in favor. State Representative Brian Best joined the meeting at 9:30 am to discuss a few concerns from Audubon County. One of the biggest concerns was the funding that the State gave to 92 other E911 towers, but Audubon was one of the few that did not receive any. The Supervisors explained that the cost for just one tower was 2.935 million, and it had been recommended that Audubon has two, but are only putting up one. Even though it is a large expense, it is crucial to have a tower in order to communicate in case of emergencies. Supervisor Hansen stated that it had been brought to Governor Reynold's attention when she visited Audubon recently. Best agreed that when the State was awarded this funding, they should have done it right and made sure the whole state was covered. Best asked if ISAC had been involved to try to get help for those counties that didn't get any tower funding. The person Best would like to go to with this issue would be the House Representative, Bobby Kaufmann. The second issue discussed was the Local Option Sales Tax. It was also stressed that the revenue from the Wind Turbines has given the county the ability to improve so many roads and bridges. It would not be good if the State took away some of that.

Department Heads met and continued the earlier discussion on renting the bank versus the Armory. Frederiksen said that the contractors from Monday's walk-through meeting stated that some of the parts needed for the HVAC project could take months to receive once ordered. This would make it hard to put a rental agreement timeline in place for the city. The majority said they could make either location work. They thought that if the city employees took three offices, it would make it crowded once the Courthouse employees were in. The Armory has a lot more space to spread out. The Armory option wouldn't hold up the city from any construction or changes they wanted to make in the bank, and it would be more flexible to accommodate our unknown timeline for renting. The idea of using two temporary locations was discussed but would probably be too costly and not feasible. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to consider the Armory the option for temporary location during the HVAC project. Vote-all in favor.

Kent Grabill and Mitch Rydl returned with the grant for handheld radios for Roadside Department. The board was reviewing this from the prior week. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the Roadside Grant for handheld radios. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2023-58

WHEREAS an application for the Iowa Department of Transportation Agreements Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant for Counties is available to Audubon County Roadside; and

WHEREAS it would be financially beneficial to assist Audubon County Roadside with the purchase of 2 Dual Band Portable Radios.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the Audubon County Engineer's office pursue such grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Audubon County Board of Supervisors authorize Mitchel J. Rydl, P.E., Audubon County Engineer, to sign all agreements and documentation associated with pursuance of the grant funding.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023

/S/Doug Sorensen
Chairman, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST By: /S/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Engineer Rydl gave construction and maintenance updates for Secondary Roads. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the asset deletions #93-2011 Bottom Dump Trailer and #95-2009 Mack Semi Truck. Vote-all in favor. Rydl brought in a CDL agreement for an employee. He checked with the Union representative, and they also agreed to it. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the CDL Agreement with Secondary Roads employee Bart Peppers. Vote-all in favor. Rydl explained the letter to APAI for Quality Design Award- Iowa Counties Paving Program 2023. The Supervisors reviewed then revised the letter before approving it. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the Letter to APAI for Quality Design Award- Iowa Counties Paving Program 2023. Vote-all in favor. Hansen had some questions from residents on the status of improving a road in Brayton. Sorensen explained that the City of Brayton had opted to take over that road years ago. Since doing that, the county pays farm to market money from that section to the City of Brayton. The money they receive is not near enough to pay for the road improvement. They decided that the county should take it back over so it can get fixed. Rydl said it is projected to be worked on in 2025, pending TIF funding. Hansen suggested the idea of inviting the mayors from all the cities in Audubon County to come to a meeting once every few months to voice thoughts and concerns. The setback for Wind Turbines within the county was discussed. The current amount is 1,000 feet from the nearest occupied dwelling. Rydl showed the Supervisors the section in the 2023 Zoning Ordinance book. He said if something needs to be changed in the zoning ordinance the Supervisors need to submit the proposed changes to the Planning and Zoning administrator. Next, the Zoning Administrator will set up a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee after a notice is posted. More discussion will be held next week on revising the setback.

An updated timesheet policy was reviewed. Frederiksen answered questions regarding the cutoff times. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the timesheet policy. Vote-all in favor. Attorney Swensen discussed the Victim Witness Coordinator Grant. He said as of October 1st the current grant was up. He is currently looking for a new one to apply for. Thompson asked if the grant was intended to pay the full salary. Swensen said that was the

original intent but ended up not working out. It ended up paying four dollars an hour of the wage for Victim Witness work. Hansen asked if the County budget was going to have to make up that difference since the grant had ended. Swensen said he had budgeted for it to end and had made changes with prior wage resolutions to account for the difference. Angie Baylor joined the meeting to discuss October being Domestic Violence Awareness month. She said last year they participated in the Purple Porch project. They gave members of the County purple lightbulbs to install to support the victims and survivors of domestic violence. They had the Courthouse participate with purple lights out front. The grant had funded this project two years ago and since all the supplies are still here, she would like to keep it going to show support to victims and survivors. The Supervisors gave the okay to participate again. IT Director Ben Linde discussed an upcoming issue with the Courthouse computer monitors not having stands, therefore not being able to move them to a temporary location. He said we will have to purchase a few monitors and showed the Supervisors some options and prices. He brought in four asset deletions from old computers. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the deletions of four Dell Optiplex Computers #2477, #2384, #2239, and #2352. Vote-all in favor. Linde discussed usage of color printers in the Courthouse. He said the Treasurer's Office has an old one that needs to be replaced and is currently not in a central location. The Assessor's have one in their office that they pay out of their budget. The Attorney's office also has one in their office, but the maintenance agreement is being paid out of the Supervisor's budget. He brought up a few different options including buying a new color printer for the main floor or moving the Attorney's to a central location. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to accept/file Annual MMP update for Larry Jo & Kyle Hinnens- Hinnens Site #65590. Vote-all in favor. Sheriff Johnson discussed purchasing a new vehicle and the challenges with wait times. He still hasn't received the one that was ordered last July. They were finally notified that it was built and in transit, then got a call stating it was stolen while in transit. So now they are back to waiting for one. He proposed the idea of starting to order a year in advance to try to get ahead of the production wait times. The only problem would be if the vehicle came in sooner than expected and the budget would need amended to accommodate for the extra expense. The Supervisors gave the okay to pre-order ahead of time. Discussion was held on Conservation's bike trail plan. Hansen stated he was still waiting for Haag's plan for trail repairs and tree removal. He was going to contact Haag and see when he will be getting the plan to them. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments and listed below in the amount of \$391, 545.62. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on having random asset checks by the Supervisors. A return-to-work updated policy was discussed. Further discussion will continue next week before approving so questions can be answered by IMWCA. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 pm. Vote-all in favor.

/s/Doug Sorensen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk