

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Chassity Musfeldt, Craig Williams, Rob Welch, Miranda Bills, Janell Bluml, Kent Grabill, John Hansen, Todd Johnson, Ben Linde, Mitch Rydl, Todd Johnson, Deb Campbell, Tyler Thygesen, Shannon Cece- via phone, Jared Hershberger-via Zoom & Corey Eberling via Zoom.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion with Craig Williams and approving Darrell's Place liquor license. Vote-all in favor. Former State Senator Craig Williams joined the meeting. Williams introduced himself and announced he will be running for House District 11, which includes Audubon County. The Supervisors and Williams discussed several issues that the County feels are important, and need addressed. At 9:30 am Department Heads met with Supervisors. Recorder Bills said she had a sign up for 2024 Wellness Committee. The Courthouse Holiday Closing dates were discussed with concerns on the Christmas Holiday. Kent Grabill from Roadside Department inquired about the Courthouse closing due to bad weather and how it should be handled for non-essential employees. The upcoming move during the HVAC project was discussed. In order to meet the needs of all the offices, two separate locations may be required for employees to work from. Treasurer Deb Campbell discussed the investment reports. The interest rates on the CD's are significantly higher now. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the placement of the State of Iowa flag in the Board of Supervisor's room. Discussion with Jerad Hershberger & Corey Eberling from APEX via Zoom was had pertaining to the recent Planning & Zoning meeting regarding Wind Turbine setbacks. They wanted to check in and see how the meeting went. Opinions on both sides were voiced and heard and the Committee decided to approve the Setback. APEX said they have a building leased in Audubon and will get an office open soon. They will be holding a landowner dinner in March. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Iowa Prison Industries to move items in the Courthouse Vault on 1-29-24. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads & Maintenance updates. He said crews have been busy working 12-hour shifts with the recent snowstorm. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the DOT ROW permit with Carroll County. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to appoint Todd Nelson to the Board of Adjustments for a 5-year term. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thomspson Second- Sorensen to approve Darrell's Place liquor license. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Hansen discussed having the different municipalities of Audubon County meet with the Board a couple times a year to keep a good open line of communication. They set out a schedule for them to visit throughout the next couple months. The following schedule was tentatively set: City of Audubon 1-23-24, City of Exira 1-30-24, City of Kimballton 2-6-24, City of Gray 2-13-24, City of Brayton 2-20-24 & ACED 2-27-24. The Supervisors would like a joint meeting with all of the cities the first Tuesday of March, July, and November at 10:30 am if possible. Motion- Thomspson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting dates as stated above. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to appoint Sara Slater to the Airport Authority Board. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for December 2023. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Sheriff's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for October-December 2023. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the 2023 Audubon County Employee's gross wages as follows:

RYDL, MITCHEL	\$124,783.20	HANSEN, BRANDON	\$51,452.87	HANSEN, HEATH	\$32,373.48
SWENSEN, CHRISTOPHER	\$101,474.76	THYGESEN, TYLER	\$51,032.88	JUELGAARD, KYLE	\$31,776.28
JOHNSON, TODD	\$89,343.50	BILLS, LINDA	\$50,506.20	PALMER, JACOB	\$31,356.45
BEANE, DAVID	\$83,464.98	SORENSEN, LAWRENCE	\$50,268.59	HEMMINGSSEN, ALICE	\$30,344.11
PARRIS, GEORGE	\$82,988.28	KOMMES, AMANDA	\$50,119.90	LAURITSEN, GAGE	\$30,220.83
LINDE, BENJAMIN	\$81,428.00	NELSON, COURTNEY	\$49,494.92	TURNER, JASMINE	\$27,741.38
BROOKS, MICHAEL	\$78,718.89	JACOBSEN, THEODORE	\$49,354.58	JAMES, JIMMY	\$27,274.21

ROKKE, JASON	\$76,907.39	BAYLOR, ANGELA	\$49,334.93	MUSFELDT, CHASSITY	\$26,099.38
SEATON, DERICK	\$73,492.94	WITTROCK, BRIAN	\$49,308.61	KILMER, MICHELLE	\$22,174.20
BLUML, JANELL	\$72,791.96	WANNINGER, LOUIS	\$48,897.85	KELLER, JENNIFER	\$19,204.76
FREDERIKSEN, LISA	\$72,625.44	CHRISTENSEN, DALTON	\$48,590.25	THORN, TODD	\$18,275.00
PAULSEN, SHAWN	\$65,867.26	CHAPMAN, ROBERT	\$48,482.94	HENKLE, TIFFANY	\$17,289.22
CAMPBELL, DEBBIE	\$65,045.90	RATTENBORG, JOEL	\$48,463.70	SAMPSON, JAMES	\$15,164.99
BILLS, MIRANDA	\$64,638.28	HANSEN, JOHN	\$47,972.33	KOHOUT, TONY	\$12,893.52
THYGESSEN, MELISSA	\$63,713.97	BOHLMANN, SHAWN	\$47,477.26	JOHNSTON, CRAIG	\$12,554.29
HARDY, BRANDON	\$63,382.70	CANIGLIA, TERRY	\$47,472.16	PARTRIDGE, TYSON	\$12,129.60
HAAG, BRUCE	\$62,705.04	KREMER, JONAH	\$45,441.97	CRAMER, WILLIAM	\$8,133.08
SCHLEIMER, JAMI	\$60,738.72	SMITH, TYSON	\$45,117.68	LIEKHUS, KALEB	\$7,985.25
BAIER, CORY	\$59,667.59	PEPPERS, BART	\$44,539.82	SMITH, GAGE	\$7,752.98
JACOBSEN, CASSIE	\$57,446.60	NELSON, CHRISTINA	\$42,296.45	ZAIGER, ANN	\$6,021.46
POWELL, LISA	\$56,230.96	IRLBECK, SARAH	\$40,419.84	HANSEN, KATHLEEN	\$4,920.50
MUNCH, DIANA	\$56,052.14	REMSBURG, JANELL	\$39,833.99	MARTEN, BECKY	\$3,250.07
GRABILL, KENT	\$55,543.58	CHRISTENSEN, GABRIEL	\$37,729.48	PERKINS, GEOFFREY	\$2,599.20
LEBECK, CATHERINE	\$54,542.72	NIELSEN, TODD	\$37,596.27	KLEIN, ANDREW	\$2,100.00
HANSEN, RICHARD	\$54,279.28	MCLERAN, MATTHEW	\$36,617.55	MICHAEL, BRETT	\$1,200.45
STEFFES, DEBRA	\$52,224.92	SORENSEN, DOUGLAS	\$33,327.00	FRANSEN, THOMAS	\$325.00
RIESGAARD, DUSTIN	\$51,705.85	THOMPSON, RICK	\$32,398.48		

2023 TOTAL GROSS WAGES \$3,516,513.04

Gail Richardson with the Audubon County Library presented an overview of the annual report. Richardson discussed all the activities and services that the Audubon Library provides. The library budget from last year was discussed and they would like an increase for the FY25 year if possible. Custodian John Hansen gave an update of the Vault status. He mentioned that Brent with Site Services said they had storage unit containers available if the County would like to rent one for some of the Vault items to be temporarily stored in.

Budget workshop with the Supervisors will be held on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Engineer Rydl said he would be getting his budget turned in next week. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims for payment as submitted by various departments and listed in a separate publication in the amount of \$214,735.32. Vote-all in favor. Shannon Cece with Graphite Construction talked to the Supervisors over the phone regarding the updated HVAC schedule. She said it may not be ideal for everyone, but it would be the most efficient for the project if the majority of the Courthouse employees were completely vacated from the office from April to possibly December. The Department Heads will have a chance to review the updated schedule and more discussion will follow. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the following MMP's: Reischl Farms LLC- Chris Reischl #60480; Darlys Halbur #59617; Kent Grabill #58071; Pheasant Ave Farms LTD #58382; Handlos Home East #59727; Dan Jorgensen #60478; Triple K Snyder Inc South #60957; Handlos 4A King Farm #61964; Handlos Steffes East-6A #61952; Triple K Snyder Inc Home #62061 & Jason Christensen #57968. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to accept/file Auditor's Month End Reports for December 2023. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Sorensen to accept/file Clerk of Courts Fees Collected for December 2023. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Heath Hansen  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Chassity Musfeldt  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk