

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

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Chassity Musfeldt, Lisa Frederiksen, Rob Welch, Deb Campbell, Chris Swensen, John Hansen, Bruce Haag, Mitch Rydl, Connie Esbeck, Gary Olson, and Jerry Kelly.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve meeting minutes of 4/9/24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the Primary Canvas date as June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Vote-all in favor. The public comment period was opened. Rob Welch with APEX gave an update on the wind turbine project. Welch said they have had a lot of interest and have signed about 7000 acres so far. They have several leases in progress and the project is going well. Office hours for APEX are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8-noon and can also meet as needed. Brief discussion was held on the ambulance service for Audubon County. Motion- Sorensen Second Thompson to approve claims as submitted by various departments and published at the end of the month in the amount of \$200,080.81. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file Clerk of Court fees collected for March 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the following MMPs: Madsen Barn- Phil Madsen #64624, Dan & Bill Christensen #68467 & Muhr (Handlos) #65707. Vote-all in favor.

Treasurer Deb Campbell and Attorney Chris Swensen met separately with the Board to discuss their departments budget for FY25. Campbell went over her budget and the reasoning for increases in line items of wages & postage. Attorney Swensen presented his budget and explained the requested increases. Sorensen pointed out the numbers for the wage increases were adding up higher than 3.2%. Swensen will correct that and send over a revised copy. Supervisors asked Swensen about the status of the Kimballton library allocation. Swensen said the attorney for the City of Kimballton was not aware of where the funds were. More discussion will follow. Coding for the Attorney's printer was discussed.

The Conservation Board and Director Bruce Haag met with the Board at 11:00. The first topic discussed was the wage increases for Conservation. The Board of Supervisors asked the Conservation Board to consider matching the compensation board's recommendation of a 3.2% increase. The Conservation Board felt strongly that they deserved a higher increase than the 3.2% and are going to go with a 4% increase. The second topic discussed was the use of the My County Parks site to secure payments and reservations for camping and cabin rentals. Haag said they plan on using it for the cabin rentals but do not want to use it for camping. It was stressed that using it for all reservations would be preferred for auditing and cashiering purposes. Discussion was held on asset deletion for a Kelly Backhoe. Haag said it was sold on Purple Wave a few years ago and the revenue went to the purchase of a new one. A budget amendment was discussed and Haag was going to meet with Auditor Frederiksen after the meeting.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads Maintenance & Construction updates. The Puck project will possibly have a June 4<sup>th</sup> letting date. Landowners will be contacted about bridge work being done in Cameron Township NE of Gray. The Brayton road project is looking at a letting date of April 2025. Rydl said the Exira drainage issue made some progress and permission was gained to tile on the neighboring land. The homeowners still need to get permission from the neighboring house to get the project started. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the utility permits for Farmer's Mutual Coop Telephone, Lincoln Township, Sections 17/20 (130<sup>th</sup> St) & Section 6 (Yellowwood Rd). Vote-all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk