

November 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Deb Campbell, Miranda Bills, Janell Bluml, John Hansen, Justin Veik-via phone, Ben Linde, Mitch Rydl, Holly McCoy-Nelson, Gareth-APEX, Corey Eberling, Todd Johnson, Bruce Haag, Diana Munch, Chris Swensen, Bill Dickey-via phone & Mike Galloway. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor.

A phone call was made to Justin Veik regarding the status of the HVAC project and contractor. Veik said the contractor is reviewing paperwork and hoped to get that wrapped up this week. He plans to have the contractor and Supervisors meet next week to discuss the project.

Discussion was held on having the Recorder's office potentially switching to Incode 10/Tyler Real Estate Software. Recorder Bills said very few counties in Iowa use this software in the Recorder's Office. She had concerns on switching over many years to a new program. The rest of the Department Heads joined the meeting. The Employee Handbook draft was discussed thoroughly with HR Attorney Mike Galloway. Department Heads had the chance to review and discuss any errors or changes they felt needed to be made. Galloway will make the necessary changes and have a final draft ready for review soon.

Discussion on the company's physical capacity testing was held via phone with Bill Dickey from IMWCA. Several questions were asked including the location of the testing, updated job descriptions for the tests, and reasoning for the full physical capacity tests instead of a regular physical.

Holly McCoy-Nelson, Gareth, and Corey Eberling from APEX joined the Supervisors for discussion on the analysis of the potential setback limits. If they went from 1250 feet to 1750 feet, it would potentially end up stopping 35 percent or more of the project. They would like to work with Audubon County on a compromise. More discussion will follow in a couple weeks.

Motion-Hansen Second- Thompson to approve a private water line for Michael Bauer between sections 13 & 24 in Greeley Township. Vote-all in favor. Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads Maintenance and Construction updates. They have been busy preparing for the upcoming winter weather. Motion-Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the annual IDPH Grant Expenses for submission. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to recess the meeting at 12:45. Vote-all in favor.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1 p.m. with Chair Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson and Heath Hansen present to canvass the 1st Tier results of the votes of the regular city/school election held on November 7, 2023. Included in the meeting were Attorney Chris Swensen discussing Auditor's Office personnel error on a ballot of vote for two for three, possibly resulting in a contested Kimballton City Council race.

Sorensen left the meeting and canvass continued. There were no provisional ballots and one rejected. Hansen and Thomspson continued the canvass checking all the city and school districts in the County. The 2nd tier canvass is scheduled to be held on November 21, 2023, in the Board Room. This canvass will decide votes of the Audubon and Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton school districts that are not in Audubon County.

The Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, State of Iowa, reconvened at 3:05 pm to continue the regular meeting, in the Supervisor's Room.

Motion-Heath Hansen Seconded-Rick Thompson to approve the adoption of following resolution 2023-63 Public Measure D Audubon City Change of LOSST change of use wording:

RESOLUTION 2023-63

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Audubon, State of Iowa, approved the following proposition to be ordered and submitted thereat to the registered voters, at the regular city/school election held November 7, 2023, the following Public Measure D:

Summary: To authorize a change in the use of the one percent (1%) local sales and services tax in the City of Audubon effective July 1, 2024.

The use of the one percent (1%) local option sales and services tax shall be changed in the City of Audubon effective July 1, 2024.

PROPOSED USES OF THE TAX: If the change is approved, revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows:

0% for property tax relief.

The specific purposes for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are:

100% for construction, reconstruction, replacement, maintenance, and improvement of city streets, curbs, storm sewers and related infrastructure; and public works related expenses, including administrative expenses.

CURRENT USES OF THE TAX:

Revenues from the sales and services tax are currently allocated as follows:

0% for property tax relief.

100% for street construction and repair.

WHEREAS, legal, sufficient and timely notice of the submission of the proposition at the election and of the date and hours of the election, and of the voting precinct or precincts thereof, with their corresponding polling place or places, was duly published and a correct and complete copy of such proposition was posted at each polling place or places during the day of election throughout the hours thereof, all in strict compliance with the orders of the Board of Supervisors:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUDUBON COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That it is hereby found, determined and declared:

First – That said election was held and conducted in each of the voting precincts or precinct of the City at the respective polling place or places, pursuant to due notice, and in strict compliance with law, and that the proposition and the voter thereon complies strictly with law.

Second – That at said election, on the proposition above set out, there were cast 426 ballots, of which 271 votes were cast “YES” and 155 votes were cast “NO” and 0 ballots were cast blank or defectively marked, the vote by precinct or precincts being as set forth and abstracted in the official tally list a copy of which is attached hereto.

That the total number of persons voting in the precinct or precincts at the election on the date, as is shown by the election registers and poll tally lists, was 658.

Third – Neither the above proposition nor any proposal incorporating any portion thereof, was submitted to the registered voters of such City within the six months preceding the date of the election canvassed hereby.

Section 2. That the proposition and the results of the vote thereon, shall be entered at large in the minutes book, all in conformity with Chapter 50, and in particular Section 50.24 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution, the Abstract of Votes and the original tally lists, are hereby delivered to the Commissioner of Elections for filing as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2023.

/s/Rick Thompson
Vice-Chairperson, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen
County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

Hansen and Thompson reviewed the Family Farm credits from the Assessor’s Office for the allowed and disallowed changes. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm. Vote-all in favor.

/s/Doug Sorensen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk