

January 23rd, 2024 Meeting

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, Rob Welch, Jerad Hershberger, Christy Jenkins- via phone, Chad Jensen- via phone, Lisa Frederiksen, Robert Malloy, James Richardson, Mitch Rydl, Todd Johnson, Tyler Thygesen, Ashley Madsen, Wendi Barnett, Shannon Cece- via phone, Russ Carew- via phone, Chris Swensen, John Hansen & Deb Campbell.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda with the addition of claims to be approved. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve/sign the storage unit rental contract with B & L Storage Depot. Vote-all in favor. Board later approve/signed revised agreement for such per Deputy Auditor noting the initial presentation reviewed/approved had included sales tax. Board called in Auditor to explain Substance abuse report. Auditor suggested that as public health board rep (Rick Thompson) was unsure, would be best to contact Christy Jenkins who then forwarded them on to Chad Jensen. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the semi-annual IA grant report. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the 2nd Quarter Expenses IA grant. Vote-all in favor. The Opioid Committee is going to try to meet potentially next Wednesday. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the Resolution #2024-06 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024-6

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that claims shall be approved and paid at every Tuesday Supervisor meeting except during the last full calendar week of June due to FYE.

Passed on this 23rd day of January 20224.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve changing the Courthouse Closing Holiday dates during Christmas to Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 2024. Vote-all in favor.

Discussion was held on increasing the percentage of family contribution towards family health coverage. Auditor stated the over \$13,500/year difference between single and family health coverage. She felt the Board should increase the family contribution closer to what other counties are doing; reminded Supervisors that the school offers only single coverage fully paid; county employees are very fortunate. Supervisor Thompson refused to vote in favor of increasing the family contribution for as long as he is in office. Auditor mentioned that Supervisors need to look out for the taxpayer's pocketbooks as well the employees and need to compare to what others are doing towards family coverage. Subject dropped.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file Annual MMP for Jerry Schultes #60937. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve Resolution #2024-5 Master Matrix Resolution as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024-5**CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of

supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUDUBON COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

/s/Heath Hansen

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 1-23-2024

ATTEST:

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

County Auditor Clerk

Date: 1-23-24

Discussion on compensation board recommendations of a 3.2% increase. Board will need to draft a resolution (per code) before they can approve their own wage increase-cannot do the motion/vote as attempted. Discussion was held on the annual recurring late budgets with no consequences. The Supervisors plan to do better in the future with their own departments. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the corrected resolution #2023-60 as follows.

Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-60 corrected

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:

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 1500) increase	\$2,400,000
Transfer revenue to Secondary Roads	

Passed and approved this 10th day of October 2023 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

By:/s/Doug Sorensen

Attest:/s/Lisa Frederiksen

Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the corrected resolution #2023- 49 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-49-corrected

WHEREAS, on this day, the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County amended the current county budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and had 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 August 8, 2023 as follows:

Non-Departmental (Dept 99 –Function 6320 – Fund 0003) increase	\$ 25,000
Conservation (Dept 22 — Function 6110—Fund 0001) increase	\$ 20,717
Conservation (Dept 22 --- Function 0220 – Fund 0004) increase	\$ 80,030
Conservation (Dept 22 --- Function 0220 – Fund 1500) increase	\$ 208,235
Conservation (Dept 22 --- Function 0220 – Fund 0023) increase	\$ 27,000

Transfers:

Non-Departmental (Dept 99 –Function 0300 – Fund 0003) decrease \$- 388,000

Transfer revenue decreased into General Basic Fund

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

Ayes: Sorensen, Thompson

Nays: none

By: /s/Doug Sorensen

Attest: /s/Lisa Frederiksen

Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor

Shannon Cece & Russ Carew with Graphite Construction were called to set up another walk-through meeting with the subcontractors. Graphite told the County that it wasn't necessary for the subcontractors to come out but they could have someone from Graphite present who would give the County the definite answers they have been asking for. Sheriff Johnson stressed that the last time they were here, they did not do a full walkthrough, and the offices are needing answers, not guesses, in order to move forwards. Wendi Barnett & Ashley Madsen from the Clerk of Court's office were present to ask questions regarding the HVAC move. They noted they will have a Jury Trial in February. Graphite said they will be able to work around them for that date. The Supervisors and Graphite are planning on having a walk through and meeting on Friday, January 26th.

At 10:30 am the City of Audubon City of Audubon representatives held discussion with Supervisors on several different topics. The County inquired about the possibility of renting the Memorial Building for the Auditor's Office and possibly part of the City Hall for the Attorney's Office & Clerk of Courts. Mayor Malloy asked if the County happened to know or have any written agreements on who is responsible for the snow removal for the helipad at the Airport. Malloy asked Engineer Mitch Rydl if they would have any interest in possibly sharing a snowblower. Other conversation included the possibility of annexing some property to clean up the lines and the need to having ALS within the County for emergencies.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve/sign the Site Services asbestos removal contract. Vote-all in favor. Engineer Rydl gave a Secondary Roads Maintenance & Construction update. Crews have been busy out removing snow. Rydl said they are paying a few local contractors to help move snow for the County. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/approve the fuel bids/quotes for Secondary Roads. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the utility permit for Mid-American. Vote-all in favor. The Board recessed at 12:15 pm. They reconvened at 1:00 pm. Treasurer Campbell presented the Semi-Annual Report for July-December 2023 and answered questions. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes for 1-16-24 & 1-19-24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file asset deletion #2632 Dell monitor. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims as submitted for payment by various departments in the amount of \$19,712.10 to be listed with a final January publication. Vote-all in favor. The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.

A second Special Meeting called to order for a budget workshop at 12:26. Meeting adjourned.

Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Lisa Frederiksen
Audubon County Auditor