

October 22nd, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:07 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Chassity Musfeldt, Brenda Muzney, John Hansen, Rob Welch, Mitch Rydl, Meg Andersen- Zoom, Jotham Arber, Chris Swensen, and Brenda Nelson- phone.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Meg Andersen, City Clerk of Exira, zoomed in to discuss an upcoming Zoom meeting with Clint Fichter regarding a Resolution for an Urban Renewal Amendment. More discussion will follow at the meeting set for October 30th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Discussion was held on the committees/boards that will be having openings in the upcoming year. Supervisors went through the list of openings which included one spot on the Board of Adjustments, one spot on the Conservation Board, and two spots on the Planning and Zoning Board. Chairman Hansen would like to get this information out to the public, so everyone is aware of the openings, and anyone interested is urged to inquire. Interested parties can either submit a letter to the Supervisors as to why they would be a good fit for the position, or they are welcome to call the Auditor's Office and request to be on the agenda to speak to the Supervisors at a meeting. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the cut-off date for committee/board opening interested parties to inquire/apply by December 16th, 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve contacting any individuals with expiring committee/board terms to explain the process if they would like to be considered for reappointment. Vote-all in favor.

Custodian Hansen met with Supervisors to discuss HVAC project related topics. The South entryway on the lower-level handicapped entrance is going to need a ceiling installed. Hansen said he would be able to install this himself and save the County money instead of having it in a change order for the current contracting companies. Hansen said the first and second floor units have been up and running, but now the south half of them will not work. Graphite is looking into this issue and is hoping to get it worked out soon. Hansen discussed the exhaust fan that needs replaced in the jail area. He said it will take a few weeks to receive unless we have it expedited. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the purchase of the exhaust fan for the jail including the expedited shipping. Vote-all in favor.

Rob Welch with APEX spoke during the Public Comment period. Welch said last week APEX had provided free farmer's lunches/food trucks in Brayton and Jacksonville and had an excellent turnout. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the extended lease with the Armory through January 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve/sign the updated agreement with Health Equity/Wellmark. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on County volunteer forms. IMWCA requires any Departments who have individuals volunteering to fill out a consent form, prior to starting, and file it with the Auditor's Office. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the following MMP Annual Updates/Changes: Moonlight- Sunburst Valley Farms LLC #64179 & Matthew Halbur #59813. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of 10-15-24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims to be paid as submitted by various departments in the amount of \$116,942.23 and published in a separate publication at the end of October 2024. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Mitch Rydl gave Secondary Roads Construction and Maintenance updates. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve a Casey Mutual Telephone Company Utility Permit for the following areas: Leroy Township Sec 24,25, & 36 (Lark Ave), Leroy Township Sec 36 (215th St), Hamlin Township Sec 1 & 2 (Lark Ave & 220th St), Hamlin Township Sections 11 & 12 (Lark Ave & 235th St) and Greeley Township Sections 5 & 6 (Nighthawk Ave & 220th St). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the hiring resolution 2024-45 for Grade 3 Classification, Equipment Operator A as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2024-45

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Matthew Jorgensen be hired as Grade 3 Classification, Equipment Operator A for the Secondary Roads Department effective October 28th, 2024, pending drug screen results. Hourly wage will be \$24.48 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local Union #2003. Insurance coverage shall begin December 1st, 2024. Passed and approved this 22nd day of October 2024.

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Heath Hansen

ATTEST

By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the idea of hiring another Secondary Roads Equipment Operator.
Vote-all in favor.

A letter addressed to Chairman Hansen was opened. A three-day notice was given in a resignation letter from the Audubon County Assessor, which provided cause for an emergency amendment to today's agenda. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the resignation letter of Assessor Brenda Nelson. Vote-all in favor. Nelson's last day working for the County is set for October 25th, 2024. Attorney Chris Swensen joined the Supervisors to answer questions and provide guidance on the next steps of starting the hiring process for a new Assessor. The Conference Board members will meet at 1:00 pm next Tuesday, October 29th. Nelson was called to discuss a few steps she will need to take before her last day worked. More discussion will follow at next week's meeting.

Jotham Arber with Public Health gave the monthly updates/report of services provided. Arber said Environmental Health had a meeting at the Iowa State Extension Office and picked up 39 more water testing visits. They will continue to do perc tests through the month of November. Arber encourages anyone interested in the HOPES program to reach out. They currently are accepting new clients and have spots open. A donor gave \$1,000 towards the Babies Nest program. Heart of Iowa recently approved to contribute \$32,000 towards the renovation of the new Public Health site in Exira. Arber said they will still have an office open at the Audubon Hospital, as well as the Exira location. Arber will have his first meeting as a representative for Audubon County with Elderbridge tomorrow and will update the Supervisors next month. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

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