

December 3rd, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Chassity Musfeldt, Lisa Frederiksen, Todd Johnson, Tyler Thygesen, Corey Eberling, Deb Campbell, John Hansen, Kent Grabill, Jodi Presswood-Zoom, Ryan Berven, Miranda Bills, and Mitch Rydl.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the two-week notice/resignation letter of Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant and Dispatcher/Jailer Cassie Jacobsen. Vote-all in favor. Sheriff Johnson said Jacobsen's duties will be absorbed by the Civil Service Clerk but he will keep the position open. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the immediate resignation letter of Auditor Clerk Brenda Muzney. Vote-all in favor. Public Comment was opened at 9:09 am. Chairman Hansen said he would like to make sure the public comment periods in upcoming meetings are limited to three minutes per person. Treasurer Campbell presented and explained a tax abatement. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the tax abatement of parcel 05-11-04-016-130. Vote-all in favor.

EMA Director Tyle Thygesen explained the multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan for Audubon County. Region 12 previously met with the Supervisors and has been assisting with the updates and preparation on this final resolution for approval. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Resolution #2024-50 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2024-50

Resolution Adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

A RESOLUTION OF THE AUDUBON COUNTY SUPERVISORS ADOPTING THE AUDUBON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2024

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, IA has authorized the development of a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan; and,

Whereas, the Audubon County Supervisors participated in the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning process; and

Whereas, the Audubon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared in compliance with the Hazard Mitigation Planning Requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provided by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors adopts the Audubon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, incorporating citizen comments and recommendations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon County Auditor

At 9:15 am EMA Director Thygesen and Supervisors discussed the EMS Essential Services in Audubon County. The resolution was reviewed. The next step will be to form an advisory board. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept the first reading of Resolution #2024-51 as follows. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve/set the next reading dates for Resolution #2024-51 for December 10th, 2024 and December 17, 2024. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN AUDUBON COUNTY, IOWA AND SETTING FORTH A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR SUCH SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY IOWA CODE SECTION 422D.1

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code §331.301(1) to "...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents"; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds, amending Iowa Code Section 422D.1, giving Iowa Counties the ability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county,

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thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county's voters at an election.

WHEREAS, Audubon County supports EMS to its residents and seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining and advancing the level of care, capability, and coverage of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Audubon County; and

WHEREAS, Audubon County Board of Supervisors, on 12/03/2024 directed that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS to be an essential county service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in Audubon County, Iowa,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors will establish an Audubon County EMS Advisory Council; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall be placed on the 11-03-2025 general election ballot a proposal to fund Audubon County Emergency Medical Services by the imposition of the following taxes, or a combination thereof:

- a) A local option surtax not to exceed one percent (1%), and/or
- b) An ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (\$.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable value on all taxable property within the County.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Audubon County, Iowa, on this [date] day of [month], [year].

Roll Call Vote:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	3 rd Reading & Approval
Date:	12-03-2024	12-10-2024	12-17-2024
Hansen	AYE		
Thompson	AYE		
Sorensen	AYE		

Corey Eberling with APEX gave recent updates. He said the Wind project is continuing to move forward. They donated 10 hams and turkeys to the Brayton Legion for the feather party and delivered several more to landowners in Audubon County.

Custodian John Hansen gave updates. The walls outside of the vault have plaster that is very loose. Hansen said before he installs any new shelving he thinks that it will be necessary to remove the old plaster. Pricing and quotes for shelving were discussed. The snowblower was having issues not starting and is currently at Vetter’s getting repaired. There is still no working heat on the lower level of the Courthouse. The leak in the HVAC system is still not resolved. The window installation still needs completed. Sporrers will need to be contacted again. Hansen contacted Iowa Prison Industries and scheduled a moving date as 1-21-25 for the Courthouse. This was the earliest possible date but can be pushed out if necessary. Hansen would like to get the Assessor’s office moved back into the Courthouse within the next couple of weeks.

At 10:00 am, Jodi Presswood with Elderbridge joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss and review the annual reports. Presswood explained upcoming programs that they would like to focus on including elder abuse, caregiver, Iowa Return to Community, Good Neighbor Center Meals, and a Grandparent program. Presswood said Elderbridge was appreciative of the contributions that Audubon County has been continuing to allocate. They are requesting an amount of \$6051.00 for the FY26.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$7,747.70 and published in a separate publication at the end of December 2024. Vote-all in favor.

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Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of 11-26-24. Vote-all in favor. The meeting recessed at 10:25 am. Meeting reconvened at 11:00 am.

Ryan Berven joined the meeting to give the ISAC Review of FY26 insurance renewals. Recorder Bills expressed concerns on doctors/providers not allowing employees to schedule their annual physicals within a certain time frame

in order to submit for the Wellness insurance portion. Berven said he would be happy to make a call to the physicians and provide something in writing explaining the need for this. Berven discussed and explained the FY26 rates. Audubon County's rate was decreasing. He said Audubon is very fortunate as there is only one other county where employees get to pay a lower amount than Audubon County employees for insurance. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to move to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for Audubon County Engineer Evaluation. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to move to go out of closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.59(1)(i). Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk

