

April 9<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, Todd Johnson, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Tyler Thygesen, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, John Hansen, Rob Welch, Ann Neuman, Christy Jenkins, Janell Bluml, Mitch Rydl, Michelle Kilmer, Chris Swensen, Ben Linde, Meg Andersen, Mike Lauritsen, Ross May, Connie May and Dave Lake.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. At 9:05 the Department Heads had a meeting with the Supervisors. Topics discussed included the need for another set of keys for the Armory, shelving for the upstairs vault at the Courthouse, signage for the new temporary locations, and HVAC updates. Custodian Hansen said the upstairs vault will now have only about half of the room as it previous had due to the HVAC equipment. EMA Director Tyler Thygesen suggested that either himself or Sheriff Johnson should start being present when meetings with Graphite Construction are held to keep informed about HVAC updates pertaining to the 911/dispatch area. It was requested that an agenda be posted for tomorrow, Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> for the meeting with Graphite and Supervisors. Thygesen said he has been notified by a few people that the Courthouse office numbers are not in the current circulated phonebook due to the Courthouse not using Windstream as the phone provider anymore. Options were suggested to get the numbers out to the public. Recorder Bills said there has been some confusion about what entrance to use at the Armory location. Supervisor Hansen suggested that on Monday they could paint signs for the entrances. John Hansen said he had ordered handicap signs from a business out of Denison and has reached out on the status of them but has not heard back. Veteran's Affairs Director Michelle Kilmer announced she will be stepping down from her position. Guthrie County will be filling in as interim until a new VA Director is hired.

The City of Exira represented by Megan Andersen & Mike Lauritsen, Engineer Mitch Rydl, Attorney Chris Swensen and Connie & Ross Hays discussed a water drainage issue on West Side Drive in Exira. The Mays were concerned about the water that sits in the ditch between their house and the property to the south. The City of Exira & Audubon County both agreed it is a private party/landowner issue. Engineer Rydl presented several maps of the area to show the elevations of the area in question. The Mays also presented several photographs of the water issue. Rydl agreed that the west side needs drained, and the County will pay for the necessary tile on the County owned road. It will be up to the landowners to discuss paying for the connecting tile amongst themselves. The next step is for the landowners to get another tile bid to review. More discussion will follow at another time.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Auditor Frederiksen as Board signatory for the FY25 Grant Application Substance Abuse documents. Vote-all in favor.

Paul Topliff with Audubon County Memorial Hospital and Tyler Thygesen discussed the recent contract termination for ambulance services with Panora. The last date of service for Panora is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Topliff said he has had some conversation with the City of Stuart about a possible contract with them for ambulance services. He said the downfall of this is that it would most likely be a short term, one year agreement, and the County would be presented with the same issues following that agreement. Another option proposed was levying property taxes for Audubon County ambulance services. This solution would be possible because Iowa lawmakers passed a bill allowing counties to vote to declare EMS as an essential service. Several counties have voted yes to the levy for EMS in order to provide a longer-term solution for emergency services. It was agreed that putting together an advisory committee to come up with a solution would be most efficient for this situation.

Dave Lake with Community Insurance met to discuss the Builder's Risk insurance. He will get back with the exact dollar amounts next week.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file MMP Annual Updates Madsen Barn (Phil Madsen) #64624 & Jorgensen Site #64571. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the Attorney's printer agreement to be paid out of the Attorney's budget verse General Basic. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to appoint Heath Hansen as a substitute delegate for Watershed Management Authority. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the coding for Conservation's shop ICAP additional premium. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to

accept/file Auditor’s March 2024 Month End reports. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file Supervisor’s March 2024 Month End reports. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on the amounts that will be needed for budget amendment #5. Motion-Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of 4/2/24 & 4/4/24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve claims to be paid as submitted by various departments and published at the end of the month for the amount of \$598,800.07. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve a single claim in the amount of \$26.75. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave a Secondary Roads & Maintenance update. Crews will start working on M66 soon. Rydl presented the 5-year construction plan. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/approve the IDOT Secondary Roads Budget & Construction Plan. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve utility permit for Nishna Valley REC, Sharon Section 3 (230<sup>th</sup> St). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve utility permit for Farmer’s Mutual Coop Telephone, Lincoln Section 6 (110<sup>th</sup> St Yellowwood Road). Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve resolution #2024-16 to approve compensation board recommendations as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2024-16**

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Compensation Board met on January 4, 2024 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Adjusted Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Plus Additional</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Attorney	\$105,673.62	--	3.2%		\$ 109,055.18
Auditor	\$ 68,892.43	--	3.2%		\$ 71,096.99
Budget Director	\$ 4,348.00	--	3.2%		\$ 4,487.14
TIF Director	\$ 2,717.50	--	3.2%		\$ 2,804.46
Recorder	\$ 67,675.53	--	3.2%		\$ 69,841.15
Sheriff	\$ 95,867.97	\$ 97,867.97	3.2%		\$ 100,999.75
Treasurer	\$ 68,041.85	--	3.2%		\$ 70,219.19
Supervisors	\$ 33,316.39	--	3.2%		\$ 34,382.51
Chair-stipend	\$ 1,007.00	--	3.2%		\$ 1,039.22

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$ 109,055.18	per comp board recommendations
Auditor	\$ 71,096.99	per comp board recommendations
Budget Director	\$ 4,487.14	per comp board recommendations
TIF Director	\$ 2,804.46	per comp board recommendations
Recorder	\$ 69,841.15	per comp board recommendations
Sheriff	\$ 100,999.75	per comp board recommendations
Treasurer	\$ 70,219.19	per comp board recommendations

Approved this 9th day of April 2024

AYES: Sorensen, Hansen, Thompson

NAYS: None

AUDUBON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

/s/Heath Hansen

/s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon Co. Supervisor, Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve resolution for FY25budget #2024-15 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET AND CERTIFYING TAXES  
FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Audubon County has published a proposed FY25 Budget Estimate in the March 29, 2024 Audubon County Advocate Journal and conducted the budget hearing on April 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors took any comments from the public regarding such proposed budget at the April 9, 2024 public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed budget and discussed any possible adjustments to lower expenditures or levy rates

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that in compliance with Iowa Code Section 331.434 (5) the FY24 Audubon County Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes is hereby approved and adopted at the April 9, 2024 budget hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the General Basic Fund Balance be assigned for the following purposes:

\$ 68,405 as the estimated ending balance in reserved sheriff revenues to be used in compliance with

Iowa Code 356.7 (5)

Dated this 9th day of April 2024.

By: /s/Heath Hansen

Heath Hansen, Chairman Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon County Auditor

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk