

June 25th, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Rob Welch, Beth Watson, Chris Ulrich, Nicole Pett, Chris Swensen, Jotham Arber, Bruce Haag, Jerry Kelly, Connie Esbeck, Peggy Smalley, Ron Mullenger, and Gary Olsen. Rick Thompson was absent.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve the meeting minutes of 6-18-24. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors gave an update on recent meetings they had attended. Sorensen said at the recent ACED meeting they had discussed the 3rd Ave housing project. It was going very well and one of the two units have already been purchased. Hansen said he had attended the Farm Bureau meeting with Engineer Rydl.

Beth Watson, the current interim Veteran's Affairs Director, discussed the allocation money for her department. She would like the approval to spend what is left of it in the budget otherwise it will have to be returned before fiscal year end. Supervisors said that was fine and would approve the later claims when they come in. Watson explained that FY25 allocation will be \$13,000 instead of \$10,000 because \$3,000 is allotted for the national training. Watson showed the report for what Audubon County receives towards Veteran's Affairs. Currently the county receives \$178,457 but her goal is to get that number up to \$300,000.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$20,537.78 and published in a separate column at the end of June. Vote-all in favor. The state changed the maximum rural basic and rural supplemental levies to reflect the State formula for Audubon County's maximum rural levy. Overall dollar amounts stay the same between the two funds. Auditor Frederiksen suggested that in FY25, airport authority and IT FICA wages could come out rural basic instead of rural supplemental. Discussion on the Courthouse roof issue will continue as the County is still waiting to hear from Graphite on the quote from the subcontractors. Barb Jacobsen had contacted Auditor's office in regards to the old Supervisor's books being stored in the City Hall basement. The City is renting space out and needs them moved. Hansen said he will talk to the City about the issue. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to accept/file the following annual MMP updates: Gleason Farms Inc (home) #61327; Gleason Farms Inc (Chad's Site) #66867 & Hansen Farms- Home Place #62063. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve the corrected pending expense approval for claims submitted by various departments in the amount of \$171,073.07 and published in a separate publication at the end of June. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve Resolution #2024-31 Secondary Roads Non Union Raises for FY25 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2024-31

Non Union Raises

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that effective July 1st, 2024, George Parris, Assistant to the Engineer, annual salary be \$90,002.00, Shawn Paulsen, Engineer Tech, hourly wage be \$29.67, Linda Bills, Office Manager & Title VI Coordinator, hourly wage be \$24.63, Jami Schleimer, Road Superintendent, annual salary be \$68,640.00, Cory Baier, Shop Foreman/Parts Manager, hourly wage be \$32.96, Kent Grabill, Roadside Manager/Weed commissioner, hourly wage be \$28.64 and Geoffrey Perkins, Full Time Roadside, hour wage will be \$22.57.

Passed and approved this 25th day of June 2024.

Board of Supervisors
Audubon County, Iowa

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson

ATTEST

By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Auditor, Clerk

Chris Ulrich and Nicole Pett with the DOT joined the meeting to discuss the documents for a public hearing/purchase/conveyance for a county bridge project. Attorney Swensen reviewed the documentation and stated that it will need edited to include the Trails Act language. The Board recessed the meeting at 10:53 am.

Meeting called back to session at 11:15 am. Sorensen inquired about the appropriation amounts for FY25 in Secondary Roads. Auditor Frederiksen explained the budget amounts. Supervisors will hold off approving the appropriation resolution. Jotham Arber with Public Health joined the meeting. The 28E agreement between Audubon and Guthrie County was discussed. Arber said that main change on it from the last one was the term, going from one year to five. Amendments will be made as needed. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve and sign the 28E agreement to be recorded. Vote-all in favor. Arber gave an update on the Opioid Settlement funding. He will be using a workbook for the entities receiving funds to document what they are being used towards. This will be tracked just like any other grant received. Arber said that the Public Health employees will be receiving pay raises in FY25 to get them where they need to be. He will be attending a meeting with Elderbridge at the end of July. EMA Director Tyler Thygesen and Arber had been working together for a solution for the ambulance services within the County.

Conservation Director Bruce Haag and his board members met to discuss the cabin revenues and FY25 appropriations. The current split is 50/50 and they felt that would be a sufficient amount to stick with when the cabin revenues start coming in. Haag explained that 50 percent should be able to cover the expenses. He also explained that it is important to have money in the Park Improvement fund for when opportunities arise, and revenue can be put to use. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to approve a 50/50 split from cabin revenues. Vote-all in favor. Auditor noted that the approval for the split was not on the agenda and cannot be approved. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

/s/ Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk