

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:06 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Chassity Musfeldt, Kent Grabill, Rob Welch, Miranda Bills, Janell Bluml, Deb Campbell, Jared Hershberger, Sara Slater, Holly McCoy-Nelson, Ronell Nymand, Dave Hansen, Connie Esbeck, Glenn Esbeck, Diane Esbeck, Jon Esbeck, Meg Andersen, Mike Huegerich, Millete Shores, Trisha Bell, Clint Fichter, Tyler Thygesen, Mike Blum, Mitch Rydl, and John Hansen.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Recorder Bills, Treasurer Campbell, and Assessor Bluml spoke to the Supervisors regarding the issues with the mail/ post office. It was decided that they will have the forwarding stopped and delivered to the drop box to avoid missing mail and having letters returned to sender. The Courthouse temporary location has presented many frustrations in all departments with mail not being received. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$2973.12 & \$72100.64 and published in a separate publication at the end of June. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the 28E agreement with Heart of Iowa of 13 counties joining our region. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of 5-28-24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of 6-4-24. Vote-all in favor. A phone call was made to VA Commissioner Kyler Hinnners to ask if he would be willing to serve another 3-year term. Hinnners accepted. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to appoint Kyle Hinnners to the Veteran's Affairs Commission with a term ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to open the Public Hearing: Audubon County Zoning Ordinance Amendments at 10:00 am. Vote-all in favor.

The City of Brayton, Kimballton, and Exira attend the municipalities meeting with Supervisors. Meg Andersen, Clint Vichter and Mike Huegerich represented Exira. They will be hosting the National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The idea of having the National Night Out hosted in different cities within the County each year was brought up. This is a great occasion to get acquainted with community members. Exira has a Community Vision Planning Event coming up this Friday. Vichter inquired about the upcoming Wind Turbine project and the TIF funds. Supervisors explained that the funds will not be available for a few years pending the completion of the project. Dave Hansen, Diane Esbeck, and Jon Esbeck represented Brayton. On June 15<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting Brayton Big Days with live music, bounce houses, food, and more. Profits from this event will help fund the new playground equipment being installed. Hansen inquired about any grants that may be available to help remove asbestos in the old town hall. Sara Slater was present from ACED and said they haven't awarded any grants yet, but if anyone wants to apply, they are due in July. The City of Kimballton was represented by Trisha Bell and Millette Shores. They said they are currently finishing up the water project. They were hoping to have a sidewalk project done this year, but it is looking like the funding will not come until 2025. Engineer Mitch Rydl spoke to those representing the Cities about bridge inspections. It was suggested that there needs to be some sort of agreement in place between the County and Cities in regards to who is responsible for the inspections. Andersen asked the City of Kimballton if they had any more information on the library allocation. Clerk Trisha Bell said she had tried to contact County Attorney Swensen but has not heard back from him. The next joint municipality meeting will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike Blum inquired about the amendments to the zoning ordinance. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to close the Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendment at 10:49 am. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the initial reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve to waive the waiting period and approve the Second Reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve to waive the waiting period and approve the Third Reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for publication to legal newspaper. Vote-all in favor.

Shannon CeCe with Graphite Construction called to discuss the Courthouse roof situation. Earlier in the week she had emailed stating that the workaround option to use pads to set the HVAC units on is not going to

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work. The two new options that were presented included placing a lineal beam or have a red iron frame fabricated. CeCe sent this over to the engineering company ETI and is currently waiting to hear back from them with the go ahead, then board approval.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads Construction & Maintenance updates. Motion- Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve utility permit for WIPCO. Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Hansen discussed a driveway issue with Rydl that was presented from a landowner. Rydl suggested having the landowner call Secondary Roads to set up a meeting with him. The bid numbers for the Puck Project from yesterday’s opening were discussed. They were sent to the DOT and should be good to go after an award letter is drafted. The gravel road East of Puck Enterprises may be getting changed to a level A status. Carroll County said they will share costs to put gravel on the road. The Cameron 7 bridge project will hopefully be completed by next week. Crews have been busy hauling contract rock. There will be a tractor ride in Audubon County taking place 6-23-24. A map of the tractor route was submitted for a heads up to the Secondary Roads’s department. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the MMP Annual Update for Hawthorn #71892 (ABB Pork LLC). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve Auditor Clerk wage increase Resolution #2024-25 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2024-25**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective May 1, 2024, wages of Auditor Office clerk Brenda Muzney will be raised to \$20.75/hour.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

/s/Heath Hansen  
Audubon County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

ATTEST: /s/Chassity Musfeldt  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

/s/Doug Sorensen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor Clerk