

July 16th, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:04 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Rick Thompson, Chassity Musfeldt, Rob Welch, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, Connie Esbeck, Ron Mullenger, Jerry Kelly, Peggy Smalley, Gary Olsen, Bruce Haag, Travis Paul, and Sarah Adamson. Doug Sorensen- Absent

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the agenda. Discussion was held on the approval of the FY25 allocations to Elderbridge, Good Neighbor Center, and the libraries within the county. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve FY25 allocations to Elderbridge and Good Neighbor Center. Vote-all in favor. The amount that was previously allocated for the Kimballton library, which closed, will most likely be distributed between Exira & Audubon. The amounts will be decided on next week. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the meeting minutes of 7-9-24. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$551,638 and published in a separate publication at the end of July. Vote-all in favor. After last week's Department Head meeting, the overall discussion and input favored the decision to utilize a Compensation Board. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the Compensation Board Resolution 2024-41 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION #2024-41

ESTABLISHING A COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD

A resolution by Audubon County to establish a county compensation board as authorized by Iowa Code Section 331.905.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.905, as amended in 2024 by Senate File 2442, the county board of supervisors may vote to establish a county compensation board.

WHEREAS, pursuant to this same Code Section, when the board of supervisors establishes a county compensation board, the compensation board shall be comprised of seven members who are residents of the county. Two members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, one member each by the county auditor, county attorney, county recorder, county treasurer, and county sheriff. The members of the county compensation board shall not be officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state and shall serve staggered terms.

WHEREAS, terms of incumbent elected officials were used for members of the county compensation board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Audubon County hereby establishes a county compensation board for the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Audubon County directs each of the elected officials to submit their respective appointments to the board of supervisors by October 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the representatives of Auditor, Sheriff, & Board of Supervisors shall serve an initial term of four years and the representatives of Attorney, Recorder, and Treasurer shall serve an initial term of two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall apply retroactively to July 1, 2024.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Audubon County on this 16th day of July, 2024.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attested: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

At 9:45 the Adam's County Conservation Board Director Travis Paul, and Office Assistant Sarah Adamson, joined the Supervisors, along with Audubon County Conservation Board & Director Haag. Paul & Adamson gave an overview of the My County Park's website for the use of rental cabins and houses. The fees, regulations, taxes, pet policies, citations for damages, rental costs, revenues and overall workings of the website were explained. There were many questions answered by Adam's County regarding the rentals. Audubon County Conservation is looking into using the My County Parks for the new cabins at Littlefield. An official opening of the cabins has not yet been determined. Adam's County was very informative and said to reach out with any further questions that they could help answer.

At 10:00 am a Public Hearing for the proposal to sell, grant and convey County real estate for Iowa DOT bridge project .6 miles N of I-80 on US Highway 71 was opened.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. Motion- Thompson Second-Hansen to approve and sign the contract for M-66 & 100th St intersection project. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to close the Public Hearing. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the Resolution, Purchase Agreement & Easement for the Sale of Real Property and Delivery of Conveyance for DOT bridge project as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution No. 2024-40
COUNTY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYANCE

Parcel No. 2 Audubon
County
Project No. NHSN-071-4(58)--2R-05 Primary Road
No. 71

I, the undersigned, Lisa Frederiksen, County Auditor of Audubon County, Iowa, a political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that notice of a pending sale of real estate has been published at least once, not less than four or more than twenty days before the date of the hearing in a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general circulation in Audubon County, Iowa, in accordance with the Code of Iowa; that a public hearing has been held and the following is a true and exact transcript of certain resolutions duly adopted by the members of the Board of Supervisors on the 16th day of July, 2024, by the call of yeas and nays recorded below and these resolutions are now in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that this political subdivision proposes to sell, grant and convey certain County property to the State of Iowa for the purchase price of \$1,450.00, and other certain benefits, terms and conditions as set forth in a Purchase Agreement to be signed by Heath Hansen, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Lisa Frederiksen, County Auditor, relating to Audubon County Project No. NHSN-071-4(58)--2R-05, Parcel No. 2, regarding certain real estate in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 78 North, Range 36 West of the 5th P.M. Audubon County, Iowa, as shown on the Acquisition Plat(s) attached to said Purchase Agreement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the proposed Purchase Agreement and Easement are hereby approved; that Heath Hansen, Chairman, and Lisa Frederiksen, Auditor, are hereby empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name of this political subdivision, the Purchase Agreement, the Easement and any other instruments of title required by law or which may, in the judgment of such officer(s), be necessary or desirable to effectuate the sale, grant and conveyance of the property to the State of Iowa.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the executed Purchase Agreement and conveyance document(s) are hereby accepted and approved by this political subdivision, and Lisa Frederiksen, Auditor, is hereby directed to deliver the executed Purchase Agreement and Easement to the Iowa Department of Transportation Right of Way Agent, or their duly authorized representative, in exchange for the consideration of 1,450.00 and other valuable considerations, all as authorized in accordance with the Code of Iowa.

Members of the Board of Supervisors

Yeas: Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen Nays: None Absent or Not Voting: Doug Sorensen

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Audubon, Iowa, this 16th day of July, 2024.

/s/Lisa Frederiksen
Lisa Frederiksen, County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the IDPH FY24 annual & 4th QTR expenses for submission. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to accept/file Auditor's June month end reports. Supervisor reports were reviewed. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the Compensation Board recommendation of 3.2% increase for the FY25 wages of IT Director Ben Linde and Custodian John Hansen. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk