

July 23rd, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Rick Thompson, Doug Sorensen, Chassity Musfeldt, Mitch Rydl, Robert Malloy, Lou Herbers, Tyler Thygesen, Chris Swensen, Ben Linde, Meg Andersen-via zoom, Melissa Thygesen, Dave Beane, and Cassie Jacobsen.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda with the addition of approving Secondary Roads utility permit. Vote-all in favor. Lou Herbers joined the meeting to represent the Airport Authority Board. Herbers gave an annual update and said financially they are in a good spot. They have the helicopter hanger paid off and are now debt free. Revenue will keep coming in from the rent received from the helicopter hanger. The house that is on the airport grounds will be taken down soon with a controlled burn through the Audubon Fire Department. Herbers would like the County contribution to the Airport Authority to stay the same, if possible, because there are a couple major updates that need to take place soon. The Automatic Weather Observation System (AWOGS) is not functioning correctly and could be a major liability issue. It is currently over 50 plus years old, and parts to fix it are obsolete. A new one will roughly cost around \$120,000. The second thing needing updated is the terminal building and that can be done as funding allows. Herbers said he would like to see the Airport Authority Board move down to a three-member board. Supervisors said they can reach out to the Attorneys to get more information on this process.

Robert Malloy joined the meeting to talk about issues with fair parking near his family's residence and business location. Malloy's biggest concern was that the private lane and County Road leading to the property has been continually being blocked off by traffic from the horse barn/rodeo during fair times. They have also noticed that owners have been letting their horses graze on the private property yard. Malloy said this has been an on-going issue for many years. The resident of the property has had to sit and wait to be able to get to their house as well. He has talked to the fair board and no solution was presented. Supervisors suggested reaching out to the Saddle Club/horse reps. More discussion will follow.

Supervisors gave June meeting updates. Thompson said he had attended Wesco, Board of Health, and Landfill meetings. Tami from the landfill will be coming to an upcoming meeting to explain the financial reports. Hansen said he has been unable to attend the SWI Juvenile meeting as they are held during the middle of the week in Council Bluffs. He has attended several Audubon County Safety Committee meetings, and they have recently sent out notifications to employees on new online trainings available to take. Sorensen missed the last ACED meeting and Hungry Canyons meeting due to a vacation but recapped the last ACED meeting with the Board. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the emergency meeting minutes from July 18th, 2024. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on ETI's original proposal that was in question regarding the Courthouse roof issue. Sorensen spoke to Justin Veik with ETI and presented the concerns. Veik needed some time to think about it and will get back to the Board soon. The County Ordinances were discussed again. Sorensen said he had forwarded the email from Simmering-Corey to the Auditor's office with the questions that they needed answered in order to move forward with the Ordinances. Auditor Clerk Musfeldt reminded Supervisors that they/County Attorney are the ones who need to answer the questions regarding ordinances, as they are the ones in charge of them. A work session will be held next meeting to answer the questions to keep the process moving forward.

EMA Director Thygesen met with the Board to answer the questions regarding the payment of insurance for the new E911 Tower. Thygesen said awhile back he had discussed with them and was under the impression that EMA will pay for the monthly utilities, E911 will cover the annual contracts/service agreements, and Supervisors would cover the insurance portion. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve funding the E911 Tower insurance portion in the amount of \$4959.08. Vote-all in favor. Thygesen said they have recently been testing out the handheld radios and they seem to be working very well and getting good signals. He said the tower should be fully functional within the month.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve and sign the GASB 96 Audubon County Subscription Based Technology Agreement Policy. Vote-all in favor.

The FY25 Library Allocations were discussed as they had not yet been approved pending Kimballton's

portion. Kimballton originally received 10% of the County's allocation to the libraries, which totaled out to \$5200. Due to Kimballton having no library open to the public, Supervisors decided to pull that funding and distribute it to libraries within the County. Supervisors decided to set back \$500 for Kimballton to use towards their 28E agreement with Elk Horn. Meg Andersen said if they allot for that, they should consider giving some funds to Brayton for their 28E agreement with Exira. Supervisors approved allotting \$250 towards Brayton but mentioned that both Brayton and Kimballton will have to come discuss their agreements at a meeting before they receive any funds. The remaining \$4450 was split between the Audubon and Exira Libraries. Exira had presented reports at a past meeting and Supervisors had agreed to allot \$1000 extra to them for being accredited. The remaining \$3,450 was split 1/3 to Exira and 2/3 to Audubon totaling \$2,300 to Audubon and \$1150+ \$1000 (for being accredited) totaling \$2150 for Exira, in addition to the amounts that had already been budgeted for the libraries. Supervisors noted that this is a one-year thing and it will be revised next fiscal year. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the FY25 revised library allocations. Vote-all in favor.

During public comment, Public Health Director Jotham Arber gave a recent report of services provided. Arber explained the plan he has in place for the entities receiving funding from the Opioid Settlement and how it will be a good way to track and account for any funds spent each month. Arber said Public Health will be attending Audubon T-bone days and has a photo booth activity planned.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$254,900.66 and published in a separate publication at the end of July. Vote-all in favor. The Southwest Iowa Juvenile allocation was discussed. Hansen will reach out to them regarding questions on the FY25 allocation sheet. More discussion to approve allocation will take place next week. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the allocations for FY25 except for the SWI Juvenile ES. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads maintenance and construction updates. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve a utility permit for Guthrie County REC in Melville Township 31-80-34. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve a utility permit for Northern Natural Gas, Oakfield Section 36 (345th St). Vote-all in favor. Rydl said they have the pre-construction meeting last Friday for the Puck Project. They will be closing that portion of the road down later today and putting the detour/closure signage in place.

Attorney Swensen joined the meeting to discuss the status of the ordinances. He had reviewed the questions sent from Simmering-Corey. Board recessed to hold the exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.9. Meeting came out of recess. Swensen and Supervisors discussed the Courthouse Roof situation. The Board recessed to complete a random cash count at the Sheriff's Office. Cassie Jacobsen, Melissa Thygesen & Dave Beane assisted in the cash count on hand. Totals were as follows: \$50 car wash fund balanced, \$2000 CI fund balanced, \$40 civil fees revenue, additional car wash fund \$11.75 did not balance with the sheet stating \$18.25 on hand with a difference of \$-6.50. Jacobsen and Beane were going to check with the deputies to see if one of them recently used that amount for a car wash and forgot to document the withdrawal. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk