

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present were Heath Hansen, Rick Thompson, Doug Sorensen, Chassity Musfeldt, Rob Welch, Mitch Rydl, Beth Watson, Stacey Harris-Molina, Tyler Thygesen, Lisa Frederiksen, Todd Johnson, John Hansen, Deb Campbell, Miranda Bills, Brenda Nelson, Taylor Hansen, Greg Jensen, Eric Rudy, Callie Christensen- phone, and Bruce Haag.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Public comment was opened at 9:05 am. Rob Welch with APEX gave a project update on the Wind Turbines. Welch said the project is going very well and they are starting to enter phase 2. APEX will be hosting a landowner dinner in September. He said there has been a lot of interest in the project and everyone has been very polite.

Beth Watson and Stacy Harris-Molina with Veteran's Affairs discussed the furniture purchased with the \$10,000 grant. Watson explained that there was a new committee at the State level, and they did not approve the furniture, in the amount of \$2362.97, to be paid with the grant. There will be a refund issued back to the grant for that amount. Moving forward Watson has ask the newer committee to provide the VA with everything in writing that is approved to be purchased with the grant money. Other discussion with the Veteran's Affairs Department included an update of the potential use of office space in Exira with Public Health not working out. Watson said it was going to cost too much to rent the space. She inquired about the possibility of using space in the Memorial Building and was going to reach out to the City of Audubon. EMA Director Thygesen noted that the Memorial Building entrance may not work for some handicap/using a motorized wheelchair due to the slope of the concrete leading up to the doors. Supervisor Hansen asked the reasoning behind VA not being able to use the Courthouse office space. Watson explained that she felt it was not handicap accessible but could have the State of Iowa come in to reevaluate it.

Motion- Thomspson Second- Sorensen to reappoint Peggy Smalley to represent Audubon County on the Region XII Regional Housing Authority Board of Directors for the term effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the following annual MMP updates/changes: Cottonwood #63260- Bob Blomme & Amelia-Clark Family Farms #65543. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Clerk of Courts fees collected for the month of July 2024. Vote-all in favor.

The Department Heads met for the monthly meeting with Supervisors. There was discussion on an upcoming budget amendment and if any departments were needing one. Chairman Hansen asked how those in the Armory and Sheriff's Department in Courthouse were handling the new locations. Treasurer Campbell expressed her concerns with the Postal Service and receiving the mail late in the day. The other main concern was the internet cutting in and out at the Armory. Sheriff Johnson said they have completed the move of dispatch to the third floor of the Courthouse. They had an issue right away with the fuse box not handling all the equipment, but with the help of the communications company and Custodian John Hansen, they have it in working order. Sheriff Johnson also said they have the jail shut down for the HVAC work being done and will house inmates out of County until they are cleared to come back in when the HVAC work in completed in that area. Custodian Hansen presented a quote from Site Services for the asbestos/tile removal in the Treasurer, Dispatch and Recorder's offices. The question proposed was if it was necessary to go ahead and remove the flooring in the vaults of the Recorder and Treasurer's offices. Campbell asked why they wouldn't want to do it all at once while the Courthouse is already closed, and furniture was moved. Custodian Hansen said it makes sense to do it now versus in the future to avoid having more closures and moving furniture a second time. He said Site Services will be coming on Monday and will need a decision by then. Supervisors are leaning towards removing all the flooring/asbestos but will make a final decision after they receive an updated quote including the vaults. Hansen said the radiators showed up yesterday and will hopefully have the top floor of Courthouse HVAC units up and running within the next few weeks.

Taylor Hansen, Greg Jensen, and Eric Rudy represented the Audubon County Fair Board and met with Supervisors to discuss the fair parking/rodeo parking issues that were presented at a previous meeting. Complaints about the entrance to the driveway of a private residence being blocked and solutions to this were discussed.

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The Fair Board inquired about the speed limit of the road and no sign being posted. Supervisors will check with the County Engineer. Other solutions to the parking issues included having someone help direct traffic and park up in the NW corner of the Fair Grounds.

Engineer Rydl gave a Secondary Roads & Maintenance update. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the utility permit WCIRWA, Lincoln Sec 9/10 Dove Ave. Vote-all in favor. Rydl discussed the dust control bill for the Puck Project detour area. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve TIF funding to pay the dust control bill in the amount of \$8265. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve paying estimate #1 for Project No. RC-C005(76)—9A-05 M66/100<sup>th</sup> St Intersection in the amount of \$49,805.32. Vote-all in favor.

Callie Christensen called regarding the City of Brayton's allocation for the 28E agreement for Exira Library. Christensen's inquired as to why Kimballton is being allocated \$500 for the 28E agreement with Elk Horn and Brayton is receiving only \$250. The Supervisors explained that when they had talked with Exira, they were informed that the 28E amount with Brayton was \$250 and the 28E amount between Elk Horn and Kimballton was \$500 so they allotted said amounts for those cities. It was noted, again, that this decision was a one-year commitment and is pending to change next fiscal year. Christensen said that Exira was wanting to amend their 28E to reflect a \$500 amount.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the FY25 allocation to SWI Juvenile Emergency Services. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims as submitted by various department to be approved in the amount of \$132,026.07 and published in a separate publication at the end of August. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of 8-6-24. Vote- all in favor, Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file Recorder's Report of fees collected for the month of July 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to adjourn the meeting at 12:06. At 12:30 pm Supervisors and Auditor Clerk Musfeldt reconvened the meeting at Littlefield to do a random cash count on Conservations cash on hand. Director Haag had a count of \$75.00 of cash on hand and it balanced to the sheet. Haag said this is the cash used to make change for campers. Haag said he had not collected the day's camping fees to count. Supervisors toured the new playground and cabins. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

/s/ Heath Hansen  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Chassity Musfeldt  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk