

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:09 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Brenda Muzney, John Hansen, Jared Hershberger, Jarrod Beckstrom, Rob Welch, Corey Eberling, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Dave Beane, Deb Campbell, Tyler Thygesen, Brenda Nelson, Dave Hansen, Garrett Wilson, Todd Johnson- phone, and Ben Linde- zoom.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Clerk Musfeldt said the Zoom meeting with Graphite/ETI will not take place today as they have contacted her and will be meeting in person at the Courthouse to do a walkthrough and give updates. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve meeting tomorrow at 10:30 at the Courthouse with HVAC engineers (ETI) and construction company (Graphite) for a walkthrough and discussion. Vote-all in favor.

At 9:15 am Public Comment period was opened. Jared Hershberger, Rob Welch, Jarrod Beckstrom, and Corey Eberling from APEX were present. They gave a recap of the recent contributions that APEX has given to Audubon County including a grant to Brayton Fire Department, a grant to Littlefield Conservation, Audubon County Fair, T-Bone Days, Exira Rodeo, and the Brayton playground. They are currently planning a harvest meal for the farmers and possible sack lunches. Eberling said they are still in the works of matching the contributions for the Exira Food Pantry up to \$2,000. They will be hosting a landowner supper tonight at the Exira Event Center and have planned on approximately 80 people to be served.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve utility permit for Mid-American Energy, Leroy Section 6, 160<sup>th</sup> Street. Vote-all in favor. At 9:30 the monthly Department Head meeting was held. Discussion was held on the post-accident/work injury policy. It states in the policy and is recommended by IMWCA that any employee that has contacted Company Nurse for a workplace injury/accident must take a drug/alcohol test. Supervisors recommended that it is brought up at the next safety meeting. At the Department Head's discretion, employees can use the Audubon Hospital or Cass Health for the drug/alcohol testing in these instances. Recorder Bills gave a Wellness Update. She said the County Employees are behind on getting the assessments and screenings done. Only 14 out of the 58 have completed both the physical and online assessments. Department Heads were urged to remind employees this must be done in order to keep the insurance rates down. Custodian Hansen gave an HVAC update. Radiators will be going in starting today. In October the top two floors will hopefully be running on the new system. John Hansen expressed his concerns with the engineering company and the lack of communication. He stressed that the engineering company and supervisors at the construction company need to be communicating with the companies that are doing the labor/work when making changes/decisions. It Director Ben Linde joined the meeting viz Zoom and said he was working on a phone system upgrade and to let him know if any offices experience phone issues.

At 10:00 am the City of Brayton met with Supervisors and Engineer Rydl to discuss the Brayton Road project. Dave Hansen and Garrett Wilson reviewed the plans and answered Rydl's questions to keep the project moving forward. They are looking at an April/May 2025 letting and hopefully starting the road construction late summer. Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates.

There were questions at a previous meeting on a Homestead Credit application that Assessor pulled in error a number of years prior. It was approved post-tax billing by supervisors at a previous meeting with Thompson being concerned of the resulting effect on county budget. Auditor Frederiksen answered the Supervisors questions that the \$4850 homestead credit was on the valuation amount not the amount of taxes and that the taxes only amounted to a total of \$134 for that particular district and was spread between county, school, comm college, township, hospital, assessor and ag extension. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$82,534.11 and published at the end of September. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Recorder's Report of Fees collected during the month of August 2024. Vote-all in favor. Sheriff Johnson called in to the meeting to talk about a claim submitted for the cost of replacing wires in the Sheriff's Department that were cut. Supervisors agreed this claim needed to be coded to the HVAC project. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve 2/3 & 1/3 coding split

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for the down payment on flooring in the Treasurer and Recorder's Office and Vaults. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve to change the Canvass Date for the Kimballton City Special Election to Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Month End reconciliation reports as well as Supervisor expenditure reports were reviewed. Auditor Frederiksen answered questions and explained journal entries that she had to make due to Conservation Department coding assets to the wrong account and for upcoming amendment. Frederiksen also notified the Supervisors that the Two-Tier Credits were cut/prorated by the state and the County will be receiving approximately \$80,000 less than planned. Motion- Sorensen Second- Hansen to accept/file Auditor Month End for August 2024. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

/s/Heath Hansen

Attest: /s/ Chassity Musfeldt

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Audubon County Auditor Clerk