

September 17th, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Todd Johnson, Tyler Thygesen, Mitch Rydl, Rob Welch, Charlie King, Penny Schmidt, Brenda Muzney, and Ben Linde.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the meeting minutes of 9-10-24. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of 9-11-24. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Hansen reached out to a potential person to represent Audubon County on the Elderbridge Board, but they politely declined. Public Comment was opened at 9:15. There were no comments.

EMA Director Thygesen spoke to the Supervisors about the EMS Essential Services and the steps involved. The County Attorney is currently drafting a Resolution for the EMS Essential Services for Audubon County. A legal notice will be discussed/reviewed/approved at next week's meeting for publication to the newspaper. Thygesen stressed that it is important to get an advisory board formed consisting of members throughout the entire community in order to provide input on this. More discussion will continue next week.

IT Director Ben Linde presented a quote and information on purchasing new servers for the County. If new ones were purchased, the current ones could be used as a back-up at Secondary Roads location. Linde said the purchase of new servers is already in the budget for this fiscal year, so no amendments would be necessary.

Sheriff Johnson joined the meeting to talk about pre-ordering a new Tahoe for the Sheriff's Department. Johnson would like to place the order now as it normally takes around a year to fulfill the orders. There would be a chance it could come in early. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve ordering a new Sheriff's Department vehicle. Vote-all in favor. Johnson presented Deputy Seaton's resignation letter/two-week notice. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the resignation letter of Deputy Sheriff Seaton. Vote-all in favor. Johnson said the Civil Service Board has met and is moving forward with the advertising for hiring process for a new Deputy Sheriff.

Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to accept/file the Clerk of Court's August 2024 report of fees collected. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads Maintenance and Construction updates. Audubon 24 will be open next week. They will be working with Shelby County, South of Kimballton to do some bridge repairs soon. The M66/100th Street Puck Project is open to traffic on the Audubon County side. Carroll County is still working on their part and have the detour signs still up for that traffic. Carroll County will be taking care of the dust control on 100th Street. Discussion was held on the Casey Mutual Telephone Company Utility permits that were on the agenda to be approved today. Rydl was contacted and told that the permit information was wrong, and he did not receive the updated/correct Utility permit to be approved by the deadline for today's meeting agenda. Rydl informed the Supervisors that Casey Mutual has also started working in the areas that have not yet been approved, and it was going to have to be stopped until they take the appropriate steps to get the utility permit. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Pay Estimate #4 for Project No. RC-C005(76)—9A-05, County Highway M66/100th Street Intersection. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the final pay estimate for Project No. FM-C005(80)—55-05, County Highway M66 HMA Resurfacing/Widening. Vote-all in favor.

Charlie King and Penny Schmidt from the City of Gray met with the Supervisors at 10:00 am to discuss the bridge that is currently closed off to public. King had concerns when he heard about the possible removal of the bridge, as this is the only access to the property he owns on the other side. Schmidt was unsure who actually owns the bridge, as they have been told in the past that the Railroad Company was the one who put it in. No documentation has been found in researching this topic on who owns it. Since the bridge is located within the City of Gray, they will have to be the ones responsible for the solution. Rydl suggested that the City of Gray could remove the bridge and turn the area into a low water crossing, but this would still cost a decent amount of money. Gray currently does not have the funds to proceed with any options right now. If they were to replace the bridge, it would cost significantly more than removing and installing a low water crossing, and then would have the regular maintenance and inspection costs on top of that. Schmidt inquired if any grants of Federal funding was possibly

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available. Rydl said that normally the Federal funding is based off traffic count, and since the location of the bridge is rarely used, it would most likely not qualify. It was suggested that Schmidt could get in contact with the City of Exira to see if they had any ideas on possible grants. Rydl suggested that the City of Gray put up a fixed closure on the bridge so there wasn't a possibility of someone moving the current barricade/chains and potentially having an accident.

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to accept/file the Annual MMP Updates & Changes for the following: Handlos Andersen #62468; Handlos-Bruch #71333; Handlos-Arnold #67383; Lawrence Handlos-Tessman #65436; NJO-Beck #64957; Brayton Sow #61310; Handlos Shaw #64099 & Handlos Zaiger SW #62467. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$141,992.15 and published at the end of September. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

 /s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk