

October 28th, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, TJ Jacobsen, Paul Nielsen, Devon Gieselmann, Mitch Rydl, Jami Schleimer, Randy Dreher, Tom Muhr, Sheri Karns, Jotham Arber, Courtney Nelson, Tyler Thygesen, Chris Swensen and John Hansen.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Roadside Manage/Weed Commissioner TJ Jacobsen presented the annual Weed Commissioners report and provided a map of all of the problematic weeds within Audubon County. Jacobsen would like to implement a Facebook page to keep the public up to date with any updates and useful information. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the Weed Commissioners report. Vote-all in favor. The Auditor's Office will file a copy as well. It was requested to add the discussion and approval of the Weed Commissioner's 2026 Certification Form to next week's agenda.

Public Comment was opened at 9:15 am. Paul Nielsen, Randy Dreher, and Tom Muhr inquired about the Vanguard reappraisal project. Assessor Karns explained the need and reasons for the reappraisal. The contract itself was questioned, and Supervisors explained that Attorney Swensen is currently reviewing it before anything is signed and submitted.

Engineer Rydl, Road Superintendent Jami Schleimer, and Chad Spencer with John Deere met with Supervisors to discuss the motor grader purchases and payments. Two of the three graders were delivered this week, and the other is arriving soon. Mosinski reached out to Dorsey Whitney and Landsman's bank regarding the loan/process for the motor graders. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the Mid-American Utility Permit for Sections 6 & 7 (along 170th St & Goldfinch Ave) in Leroy Township. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the Casey Mutual Telephone Company Utility Permit for Sections 3 (290th St) and Section 10 (310th St) in Audubon Township. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve Hiring Resolution 2025-48 for Secondary Roads Operator B as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-58

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Nathan Folk be hired as Grade 2 Classification, Equipment Operator B, 1 Year column, for the Secondary Roads Department effective November 3rd, 2025. Hourly wage will be \$24.33 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local Union #2003. Insurance coverage shall begin January 1st, 2026. Passed and approved this 28th day of October 2025.

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Heath Hansen

ATTEST

By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

A road use agreement with the company hauling replacement wind turbine blades within the County was discussed.

Auditor Frederiksen discussed the status of the Urban Renewal Amendment with Supervisors. Dorsey Whitney was called to go over the next steps for the amendment process. Amy Bjork with Dorsey Whitney will send the documents over to the Auditor/Supervisors when they are prepared and will plan on November 4th to approve the resolutions and public notice.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 10-21-25. Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Grabill gave an update that the Courthouse Recycle Bin rented from CRS will be removed. Between Grabill and Custodian Hansen they agreed to haul the recycling to the transfer station. This will help save the County money from paying for the rental. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be approved in the amount of \$39,779.15 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor.

The FY27 Library Allocation was discussed. The libraries had met with Supervisors at last week's meeting, and voiced their opinions, and provided information regarding this decision. Supervisors stressed that Audubon County is very lucky to have two wonderful and active libraries. Grabill proposed the idea of allocating \$1000 to each library that is accredited and splitting the remaining total allocation 50/50 between Audubon and Exira.

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Supervisors Hansen and Mosinski also agreed on the accreditation status receiving \$1000 as it opens the doors to receiving other grants/opportunities. There was discussion on stair stepping the allocation split between Audubon and Exira at 55/45 for FY27, then 50/50 for FY28. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the FY27 library allocation split to be 50/50 of the total allocation, and an additional \$1,000 to each library that acquires the accredited status. Vote-all in favor.

Jotham Arber gave Public Health updates and reports for the prior month's services provided. Arber represents Audubon County on the Elderbridge Board and said they would be willing to provide a report to show the service hours provided to Audubon County. Public Health is partnering with VaxCare to provide walk in flu shots and is working on scheduling with the schools to provide this service as well. Public Health was recently approved for the free clinic grant. The current HOPES program is transitioning to PATS. They will be providing CPR classes this winter for those needing to get certified or renew their current certification. Environmental Health is still busy out doing septic/well/water testing and will continue to do so until the ground freezes. Radon testers were recently purchased for each County and will be available to residents to loan out. They will just ask for a check deposit in the event that the radon tester is damaged during the loan period. They should be arriving by the end of the month. Arber said there has been recent discussion with the area schools regarding providing more mental health services to students. Arber will be contacting the local food banks to see what their inventory status is, and what items may be needed the most as the SNAP benefit funding cuts will hit soon.

EMA Director Thygesen presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Region XII helps prepare this, and it is run through FEMA. Thygesen discussed/reviewed the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Attorney Swensen had been reviewing the proposed reappraisal contract with Vanguard. Assessor Karns was present for the discussion and had Reed with Vanguard on the phone to answer questions regarding the verbiage on the contract. Any changes the County would like to make will need to be submitted to Vanguard for review. Swensen also discussed recent conversations with Supervisors and State Auditors regarding the ACED information submitted and will need to work on updating the written agreement between ACED and the County.

County wide policies 37 (Right to Use Lease Asset) and 38 (County-owned Personal Property) were reviewed. Motion-Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the reviewal County Wide policy 37 Right to Use Lease Asset. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to take the existing language and update the County to "Audubon" and add signature line on County Wide policy 38 (County-Owned Personal Property Disposal). Vote-all in favor. John Hansen gave a custodial update and inquired about a schedule change for next week. Supervisors went into a work session to review FY25 budget to actual amounts used. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen Attest: /s/ Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor Clerk