

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Chassity Musfeldt, Gareth Stoffer, Gail Richardson, Dave Hansen, Austin Christensen, Mitch Rydl, Ben Linde, Dave Lake, Megan Nielsen & Deb Campbell. Agenda was reviewed. Mosinski said ACED would not be coming in today. He still needs to talk to the State Auditor's prior to ACED attending the Supervisor's meeting. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Public Comment was opened at 9:15. Gareth Stoffer with APEX inquired about contact information for Conservation regarding a grant. Mosinski asked about adding a name behind each agenda item so Supervisor's know who to address with questions. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 2-4-25, 2-7-25 and 2-11-25. Vote-all in favor.

Gail Richardson met with the Supervisors to represent the Audubon Public Library. Discussion was held on potential 28E agreements between the smaller Cities within the County and the Audubon/Exira libraries. Richardson explained that the Audubon library will serve all of Audubon County, regardless of where they live. The annual library survey was presented. Richardson gave a detailed update on all the services the library offers. She showed Supervisors the Libby App which is one of the services they provide. The Libby App gives users the ability to check out Ebooks, Audiobooks, magazines and more. Other services the library provides are passports, lamination, summer children's programs, children's reading programs, music in the park, fax line, computers, and wireless internet. Richardson gave a recap on the library usages from the last year.

The City of Brayton was represented by Dave Hansen and Austin Christensen. Recent updates in the town included upgrades to the park, new doors/siding on the Town Hall, and the removal of the Old Town Hall. Concerns from Brayton included trees that were falling/going to fall into the Right of Way. Engineer Rydl said he will talk to the Roadside Manager to come address this. Brayton gave Rydl the okay to put the trees that get removed in their burn pile. The Brayton Road project plans were reviewed. If approved today, there will most likely be an April 8<sup>th</sup> letting. July/August/September would be the timespan for the contractors to complete the project. It is estimated to cost around \$534,000. Rydl asked how they would like to split the costs on this for the \$100,000 portion that Brayton will be paying. Discussion will be held at a later meeting regarding the Brayton costs. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the IDOT working in State Highway right-of-way permit Hwy 71/Co Rd F65. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the final plans, notice to bidders, proposal and specification for Project No. LFM-(F65 Brayton)—7X-05. Vote-all in favor. The bridge on South Street will need to be addressed at some point in the future. Rydl suggested getting on the City Bridge list for potential funding. Rydl said he can fill out a sheet to get Brayton on the list, but the costs with the funding would be 80/20, 20% City. He suggested they should talk to their City Attorney regarding this. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the Joint Road Vacation Resolution between Audubon/Cass Counties as follows. Vote-all in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD**

##### **Audubon County**

##### **Resolution No. 2025-8**

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing was held at 9:05 a.m. on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with Audubon and Cass Counties on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Audubon/Cass County Secondary Road, described as follows:

That portion of 350th Street/Akron Road, established March 28, 1899 (See Cass County Road Record Book North Half, Benton Township, Section 2), commencing at a point which is 3,040 feet westerly of the southeast corner of Section 35, Exira Township (T-78N, R-35W) also being the northeast corner of section 2, Benton Township (T-77N, R-35W), thence running westerly along the north line of said Section 2 a distance of 1,951 feet to a point where Akron Road turns and continues northerly, into Audubon County and known as Mockingbird Avenue. Said portion is 40 feet wide and contains about 1.69 acres of road right of way in Audubon County and about 1.45 acres of road right of way in Cass County. The total length of 350th Street/Akron Road to be vacated is about 1,951 feet.

WHEREAS, there are no occupied homesteads located on any abutting land, and vacating and closing this road will not landlock any abutting land, and

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WHEREAS, comments and objections have been received and considered, either in writing or in person, WHEREAS, the bridge on this section of road is no longer safe for use, Cass County intends to sell the bridge to the adjoining land owner, and it will become the land owner's responsibility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed.

Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Board of Supervisors Audubon County, Iowa

/s/Heath Hansen

Heath Hansen, Chairperson

ATTEST

By: /s/ Diana Munch

Audubon County Auditor Deputy

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be approved in the amount of \$46,916.29 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to accept/file the Clerk of Court's Fees Collected for January 2025. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be approved in the amount of \$6,504.90 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the annual updates/changes for the following MMPS: Brian Klocke #66574; Lauritsen #62651; Jensen Farm Pork #62686; Randy Bruch #58536; Danny Wittrock # 58183; Handlos- Rudolph #57972; Greg Hansen Albertson Site #62166; Nelson Site- AMVC RE LLC #58248 & Handlos- Wegner #64333. Vote-all in favor.

Dave Lake & Megan Nielsen from Community Insurance met with Supervisors to discuss the Work Comp Renewals for FY26. Lake explained the changes and what causes the percentages to go up or down. The cyber liability coverages for the County were discussed. Community Insurance would like Supervisors/IT Director to look over the application to get quotes on increasing this. IT Director Linde looked over the paperwork but felt that the cyber liability coverage the County currently has is adequate.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the ISAC Renewal Document/Open Enrollment. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Frederiksen met with the Supervisors to explain the levy rates. After bringing in various spreadsheets on the process, she tried to summarize/explain reserves, local effort, etc. She explained that the General/Rural Basic and Supplemental reserves should have at least a 30% balance. The notice to the taxpayers was discussed including the reasoning for any increased dollars requests needs to be stated by Supervisors on the notice. Supervisors asked Treasurer Campbell to come in to talk about the interest/rates on the CD's. The IPAIT/other bank interest revenue was not figured into the budget in past years. Discussion was held on potentially lowering the rural supplemental levy rate by having the FICA/IPERS for Roadside and IT come out of General Supplemental. Auditor will work on reasons on behalf of the Supervisors along with a proposal on the Rural Supplemental Fund. She also reminded Board that Conservation Cabin Revenue is set to have 100% go to General Basic as currently nothing has been acted on to the contrary. Board would still be able to transfer upon request/resolution any Park Improvement needs agreed upon. This FY26 budget notice needs to be filed with state by March 4 meeting if Board waits until last possible minute to review/decide. There will be a meeting tomorrow with Tyler/Incode regarding the new payroll schedule and the issues with the software. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Audubon County Auditor Clerk