

February 25th, 2025

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, Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Chassity Musfeldt, Jared Beckstrom, Rob Welch, Corey Eberling, Michael Galloway, Mitch Rydl, Ben Linde, Linda Bills, Tim Wahlert, Mike Huegerich, Mike Lauritsen, Jotham Arber, Ron Mullenger, Bruce Haag, and Todd Johnson.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Michael Galloway, Attorney with Ahlers & Cooney, was introduced and joined the meeting. Galloway represents Audubon County and assists with legal/HR questions. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 2-18-25. Vote-all in favor. Public comment was opened at 9:15 am. Jared Beckstrom, Corey Eberling, and Rob Welch with APEX/Coyote Willow said they hosted a landowner dinner on Monday night. They had a great turnout and gave landowners updates on the project. Two scholarship recipients from area schools spoke out on their awards. They discussed the growing need for energy in the United States. Eberling said they will be offering another scholarship to area schools soon.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the deletion slips for the Recorder's Office chairs & table: #0595, #0346, #0971, #0973 & #0974. Vote-all in favor. IT Director Ben Linde discussed potentially upgrading the internet speeds for the Courthouse. Mosinski stated that if approved, he would like to hear feedback from Department Heads to see if they are noticing a difference with the faster speed. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve increasing the internet speeds for an additional \$45/month. Vote-all in favor. Linde spoke to the website provider Spinutech regarding updating the minutes/agendas to make them more organized with drop down tabs. Spinutech said it would cost roughly \$1000 to do this. Linde said he will try to figure out another way to organize them without the expensive drop-down option.

At 10:00 am the Public Hearing for the FY25 Budget Amendment #2 was opened. Linda Bills discussed the County Wellness Incentive Program. The Sheriff's Department agreed to follow the agreement and had an MOU drafted for this. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve signing the MOU for the Sheriff's Union to follow the Wellness Incentive Program. Vote-all in favor. Bills asked if the Supervisor's were going to contribute to the Wellness Program for any lunch & learn events since this isn't funded by the program. Supervisors said they will need to look at their budget as they were not sure. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the County Wellness Incentive Program to have the insurance rates increased to 1% for Single and to 6% for Family if the Employee does not complete the Wellness Program tasks. If the Employee completes the tasks, the insurance rates will go down to 0% for Single and 5% for Family. Vote-all in favor. Employees will need to have the tasks completed by July 31st of this year, and the rates will go into effect January 2026. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the Title VI agreement for Audubon County. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the resolution adopting the FY25 Budget Amendment as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-10**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS Audubon County approved by a motion/vote the FY25 budget at the April 9, 2024 board meeting and subsequent amendment on October 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS Audubon County subsequently approved by a motion/vote the current FY25 proposed budget amendment in the manner set out by Iowa Code Section 331.435 on with public notice placed in the February 14, 2025 Audubon County Advocate Journal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that in compliance with Iowa Code Section 331.434 (5) the current FY25 Audubon County budget amendment is hereby formally approved/adopted as published and as presented.

Dated this 25th day of February 2025.

By: /s/Heath Hansen

Heath Hansen, Chairman
Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the resolution for the FY25 Amendment Appropriations for Budget Amendment #2 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-11

Budget Amendment #2 Appropriation

WHEREAS on this day, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors has amended the current county budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and had published the amendment notice according to the law, and

WHEREAS it is now desired to amend the appropriations for the departments accordingly,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the appropriations be amended effective February 25, 2025 as follows:

General Services (Dept 51 – Function 9100—Fund 0001) increase	\$ 341,115
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 9100—Fund 0002) increase	\$ 146,400
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 9100—Fund 0007) increase	\$ 1
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 0100—Fund 0001) decrease	\$ -5,560
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 0100—Fund 0002) decrease	\$ -2,780
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 0110—Fund 0001) decrease	\$ -15,000
General Services (Dept 51 – Function 0110—Fund 0002) decrease	\$ -7,500

Passed and approved this 25th day of February 2025 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Mosinski, Grabill, Hansen

Nays: None

/s/Heath Hansen

Attest:/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairperson, Audubon County
Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

At 10:30 am Meg Andersen, Mike Huegerich, Tim Wahlert and Mike Lauritsen met with Supervisors to represent the City of Exira for a municipality meeting. Andersen said they will be setting a meeting date soon for the Exira Library report. Exira currently has several projects in progress. They have set a house for the Homes of Iowa program. City Council has approved a program to incentivize home buyers in Exira. Several community visioning projects are currently taking place. The most concerning issue in Exira right now is the Regional Water issue. This also effects the City of Brayton. They have been on a water shortage for a while and are also experiencing significant increases in the rates charged. There is a pipeline hooking into the Council Bluffs system but is not completed yet. Exira could hire a professional engineer to provide opinions for water options, but this would cost around \$30,000 and may not provide promising results. Engineer Rydl was asked questions regarding the East Side Drive. The road condition has been poor for awhile and is getting increasingly worse with the farm traffic. Upcoming events in Exira include the Exira Community Club 4th of July kickoff part on March 8th, the 4th of July celebration, and the National Night Out on August 5th.

Ron Mullenger and Conservation Director Bruce Haag met with the Supervisors to discuss the Zipline grant. This was awarded and needs Supervisor's signature for submission. The Conservation Housing policy was discussed and reviewed. Haag was reminded of the past due invoice with Amazon that needs paid to avoid the account being suspended.

HR Attorney Galloway discussed employee exit interviews. One suggestion would be to have a forum option to allow employees to provide feedback on why they were resigning/quitting. This forum could be sent directly to Galloway and use a chain of command find a solution to any issues. This would give all employees a chance to voice why they left employment with the County.

Jotham Arber gave Public Health updates of services provided for the month of January 2025. They hosted an open house in Exira last Tuesday. They have recently hired another health aide to assist with the increased cliental in Audubon. They want to make sure that all residents are aware of the services provided. An additional Social Worker was hired to help take care of this. Arber worked with EMA Director Thygesen to host an emergency preparedness cybersecurity event last week. Environmental Health will be getting all the septic drawings for Audubon County uploaded onto the Beacon website soon.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads maintenance and construction updates. Motion- Grabill

Second- Mosinski to accept/file the letter of retirement of Larry Sorensen. Vote-all in favor. The Engineer Contract for Mitch

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Rydl was reviewed, and revisions were read out loud. The contract will be for the duration of 3 years, starting July 2025. Rydl will no longer be the Planning & Zoning Administrator as of July 2025. This will be discussed next week. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the County Engineer contract for Mitch Rydl effective July 2025. Vote-all in favor. The Hamlin Feedmill Road project was discussed. It will be funded by 50% RISE and 50% Urban Renewal/TIF funds. This will be done in five separate stages and to be completed in 75 working days. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the final plans, notice to bidders, proposal, and specification for project no. RC-C005(79)—9A-05 (Lark Ave). Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Mosinski told Rydl he was approached about the bump on the bridge on the Purina Road. Rydl said they can smooth it up by cold patching, but the issue is being caused by moisture underneath, so a drain/tile will eventually need to be installed. The option to remove the rural supplemental levy was discussed. Auditor Frederiksen explained that if approved, it would only be removed for a year or two, then it would go back. While removed, rural basic reserves would be used. HR Attorney Galloway said he has seen a lot of Auditors proposing this option. The proposed Public Notice for the FY26 property tax levy will need to have the explanations to taxpayers changed accordingly pending Supervisors decision.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be approved in the amount of \$71,764.96 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. The meeting was recessed at 12:25 pm. Meeting was reconvened at 1:36 pm. Sheriff Johnson and Engineer Rydl discussed the proposal to remove the rural supplemental levy with Supervisors. Auditor Frederiksen answered questions and asked if they would like more time to review before making the decision. Sheriff explained the employee wage increases in the FY26 budget. The Sheriff's Department had been running short on staff, and the FY26 budget includes the salaries to be fully staffed. Rydl discussed purchasing a new motor graders and the costs. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to move forward with the proposal to remove the rural supplemental levy. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.

/s/ Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor Clerk