

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski- phone, Chassity Musfeldt, Todd Johnson, John Hansen, Justin Veik- phone & Shannon CeCe-phone.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors met with ETI & Graphite Construction via phone conference. The first concern discussed was the jail cell that is still unfinished. Veik gave three potential solutions: sheet metal to cover the exposed pipes, applying a mesh solution to the pipes, and adding additional support to the pipes already in place. Sheriff Johnson said that the third option of adding additional support will not be sufficient. A local contractor has analyzed the issue and proposed that it could be covered with bent metal on a hinge system to allow access to the pipes. It was stressed to Graphite/ETI for the past several months that this issue needs resolved before the jail can be operable, but no actions have been taken, causing the County additional expenses to house inmates elsewhere. Shannon CeCe with Graphite stated that they will not be covering any of the expenses to finish the jail since it was not in the original scope of their plans. The bid amount from the local contractor was received a few weeks ago, but recent tariffs have caused the price of materials to increase, so an updated bid will be needed. Custodian Hansen presented the updated bid and sent it over to ETI for review. ETI/Justin Veik will have his partners look over the financial side and see if they can help with some of the costs. Due to the increasing prices of materials, and delayed communications with ETI/Graphite, Supervisors have requested to have an answer back from ETI within 24 hours.

Final punch list items were discussed. The window trim is in the process of being installed. It was stressed by Supervisors that since this was a change due to the engineer's design, the County should not be responsible for all of the cost. Custodian Hansen will send ETI a copy of the bill once it is completed for discussion/review. The electric bills have significantly increased since the new HVAC system has been implemented. ETI/Veik said he will look into the control side of this and see if there are any ways to help that. Flickering lights in the Clerk of Court's office are still ongoing. Veik will look into this. The Courtroom noise level was discussed. Two separate Judges have made complaints that when the HVAC units are running, it creates too much sound. Veik provided readings from his most recent Courthouse visit. Sheriff Johnson asked if he took them from the Courtroom, because it was occupied at the time of his visit. Veik stated that he stood outside the Courtroom doors to take the readings and will need to redo those at his next visit. Custodian Hansen inquired about the manuals/booklets for the HVAC system that he has yet to receive. CeCe said she will send those over to him. Warranties/dates for the HVAC system/parts were discussed. The general warranty is for one year, but some of the parts are five-year warranties. ETI will touch base tomorrow with Supervisors regarding the decisions on the cost of completing the jail cell. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

/s/ Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor Clerk