

March 4th, 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, Chassity Musfeldt, Gareth Stoffer, Tyre Vokt, Taylor Hansen, Tyler Thygesen, Todd Johnson, Melissa Thygesen, John Hansen, Jotham Arber-phone, and Mitch Rydl.

Additions to the agenda include discussing a substance abuse program grant/match from IDPH & adding Sheriff's Department to the department budget review. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the agenda with the additions. Vote-all in favor. Public Comment was opened at 9:15 am. EMA Director Thygesen discussed the upcoming Statewide Tornado Drill and a possible tabletop exercise for severe weather with all County employees. Thygesen will discuss this at the Department Head meeting next week. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the MMP Annual Update/Changes for Pinto Finisher Farm #71790. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the Recorder's report of fees collected for February 2025. Vote-all in favor.

Taylor Hansen, Tyre Vokt, and Mackenzie Felt-Lewis represented the Audubon Fair Board to discuss the liquor license for the Agri-hall. Currently, Doug Hilsabeck has held the liquor license, but as of June 2025 he will no longer have it. The Fair Board discussed the steps to get the process started and be able to take it over.

The previous meeting included a motion to approve removing the FY26 rural supplemental levy rate. After more discussion following the meeting, it was a concern that this would not work for Secondary Roads. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to rescind the previous week's motion to approve the removal of the rural supplemental levy rate. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Frederiksen asked if Supervisors were comfortable moving forward with the FY26 Budget. She stressed that she wished the budget would have been more of a priority during this year's budget process. There were concerns that it was not communicated to Department Heads that they could request a salary increase exceeding the Compensation Board's recommendation. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the FY26 Proposed Levy Rate Public Hearing for March 25, 2025, at 1:00 pm. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Frederiksen noted that this Public Hearing will need to be a separate meeting from the regular Supervisor meeting.

Sheriff Johnson presented two hiring resolutions for the dispatch/jailer positions. One will be fulltime, and one as needed. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2025-12 for Full Time Dispatcher/Jailer Sydney Rodriguez as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-12

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Sydney Rodriguez be hired as a full time Dispatcher/Jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff's Office beginning March 5th, 2025. This position will follow the Union Contract.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2025 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Aye: Hansen, Grabill, Mosinski

Nays: None

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Chairperson

Attest: Chassity Musfeldt

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Motion- Grabill Second-Mosinski to approve Resolution 2025-13 for As-Needed Dispatcher/Jailer Camryn Helvie as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-13

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Camryn Helvie be hired as an as Dispatcher/Jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff's Office beginning March 5th, 2025. This position will follow the Union Contract.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2025 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Aye: Hansen, Grabill, Mosinski

Nays: None

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Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$12,487.79 and published in a separate publication at the end of March. Vote-all in favor. Custodian John Hansen met with Supervisors to discuss the ongoing HVAC issues. Hansen said last week one of the rooftop units had quit working due to the build up of ice causing the system to short out. The exhaust from the air exchange was blowing right on that unit which most likely caused this issue. The programmer for the HVAC system was in the Courthouse last week. Hansen inquired about having the units be ran by the main boiler during the extreme cold temps. Supervisors will need to get explanations from ETI regarding the current issues with the HVAC and options with the boiler system. The date the warranty starts and ends for the HVAC system still needs to be discussed. Hansen voiced concerns on departments opening the windows and running electric heaters. They are still working on the unit about the Courtroom that has been excessively noisy. They will be trying to dial in the fan speed, so it runs quieter. Twin Construction provided quotes for the jail work that is still unfinished. ETI still needs to address who will be responsible for paying for the jail work and window trim in the Courthouse offices. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 2-25-25. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors spoke with Chandra Jennings from the Iowa Dept of Health and Human Services regarding an email that was received. A grant was available to the County and Supervisors needed more information on it. It would be used for more staff training and workforce development regarding the County Substance Abuse Program. The County would need to provide \$30,000 to potentially receive \$10,000. No action was taken. Auditor Frederiksen discussed the importance of not having chain meetings between Department Heads and Supervisors by calling all Supervisors separately to discuss potential decisions. This needs to be done in a public meeting. Discussion was held on decreasing the Supervisors FY26 salaries. Supervisors inquired about increasing salaries for other employees. Frederiksen said that at this point in the budget process it would be difficult as they can not increase expenditures.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads maintenance and construction updates. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the Nishnabotna Valley REC utility permit application for T78N, R36W between sections 17 & 18 (Oakfield Township on Eagle Ave). Vote-all in favor. The planning & zoning administrator position that is open was discussed. Rydl said there will be an upcoming workshop for members to attend that the County usually pays for. Motion- Mosinski Second-Grabill to approve the current FY26 budget status. Vote-all in favor. Meeting recessed at 11:50 pm. At 2:05 pm the meeting reconvened after the 1:00 pm Conference Board meeting. Sheriff Johnson and Melissa Thygesen met with Supervisors to discuss and review the Sheriff's Department FY26 Budget. Engineer Rydl met to discuss the Secondary Roads FY26 budget. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk