

May 13th, 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, Don Mosinski, Kent Grabill, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Mitch Rydl, Cally Christensen, Meg Andersen, Tyler Thygesen, Gareth Stouffer, Bruce Haag, Sheri Karns, Deb Campbell, Ben Linde, Todd Johnson, Chris Swensen, Kathy Inman, John Hansen, Mark Remsburg, Shannon CeCe-phone, and Justin Veik-phone.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda with the addition of pledge of allegiance, and correction to the utility permit for Lark Ave. Vote-all in favor. Public Comment time was opened at 9:05 am. The City of Exira and City of Brayton were represented by Meg Andersen and Cally Christensen to discuss the ongoing water crisis. Andersen told Supervisors that Exira will be holding a town hall meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 pm and urges Supervisors to be involved in this discussion. They will have a meeting in Avoca at Regional Water on Thursday at 1:00 pm and would also like Supervisors to attend if possible. Andersen wanted to bring this to the Supervisor's attention as it has been an ongoing issue getting increasingly worse since 2023. EMA Director Thygeson will be working with the County IT Director to have information posted to the County website. Residents have the option to sign up for notifications/water updates. This is affecting roughly 1,330 residents within Audubon County. The City of Exira has been looking into solutions. Exira's wells will need a professional engineer opinion to analyze the condition to see if they can be rehabilitated or not as they have not been in use for many years since the conversion to Regional Water. Supervisor Mosinski inquired about the County being able to help. More discussion will take place on this at next week's meeting.

The monthly Department Head meeting was held at 9:40 am. Conservation Director Haag gave a cabin update. He hopes that all the cabins will be available to rent within the next couple of weeks pending the new water system getting parts to function. Compensation time earned/used was discussed. The County credit card policy was discussed. Many departments have internal policies for credit card usage. The County wide policy was updated a few years ago. The breakroom and lactation room for County employees was discussed. The Supervisors room can be used for a breakroom. The lactation room is on the top floor in a converted closet with a chair and table available. Chairman Hansen gave an updated status of the recodification of the County ordinances. Hansen is waiting on Simmering Corey for a reply regarding the ordinances. The window air unit previously used in the Courthouse prior to HVAC need disposed of. Supervisor Grabill spoke with a rep from Purplewave auctions, and they did not think the air units would bring much on there. Other methods of selling/disposing were discussed including using the County Facebook pages, Marketplace, farmer's market or a newspaper advertisement. Attorney Swensen inquired if the profits from the air units would go back into the Department's budget that they came out of. The Public Hearing for Budget Amendment #3 opened at 10:09 am. Supervisors asked Department Heads if anyone had items needing completed by IT or Maintenance. Sheriff Johnson will need to have his backroom computer cleaned out by IT Director Linde as it was filled with dust from contractors cutting without notification to Sheriff so they could cover items. EMA Director Thygesen said he will provide an informative sheet to departments in case the Public has questions regarding the water crisis. The main questions are to be directed to Regional Water. Auditor Frederiksen discussed sick leave usage does not count towards overtime pay.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve/sign the fencing landowner agreement with Justin Sprague. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the utility permit application for West Central Iowa Rural Water, located between Sec 22 & 23 (Eagle Ave), in T81N, R36W, Lincoln Township. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second-Grabill to approve pay estimate #1 to Precision Concrete Services, Inc for Lark Ave pavement project. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve pay estimate #1 to Henningsen Construction, Inc for Brayton HMA paving project. Vote-all in favor. Rydl presented a map of the 2026 roads to be rockered. There will be a total of 51 miles, adding up to around 15,300 tons of gravel. Rydl explained the high costs of the gravel are partly due to Audubon not having a rock quarry and having to pay for the expenses of hauling the gravel. APEX met with Secondary Roads last week regarding road use agreements and ordinances. There will potentially need to be a change in the zoning ordinances due to the Wind Towers height.

At 11:14 the Public Hearing for Budget Amendment #3 was closed. No comments were received. Motion-

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 February 25, 2025; and

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.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve Resolution 2025-24 for the FY25 Budget Amendment #3 appropriations for departments as follows. Vote-all in favor.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the appropriations be amended effective May 13, 2025 as follows:

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson, Audubon County

Board of Supervisors

Attest:/s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 4-29-25. Vote-Mosinski, Hansen Grabill- Abstained as he was gone for the 4-29-25 meeting. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the meeting minutes of 5-6-25. Vote-all in favor. Hansen gave an update on the meeting set with Planning & Zoning. He will have them come in for next week's meeting as they were unavailable to meet today. Mark Remsburg with Remsburg Service met with Supervisors to discuss the bid bill/invoice received. There were questions on the invoice by Custodian Hansen about wiring that was on the invoice but didn't end up needing to be used, and if it could be taken off the bill. Remsburg explained that since the project was bid and accepted for that amount, and the project was completed satisfactorily, he was under the understanding that the bid price that was accepted was the amount to be invoiced. He said there have been many projects that he submitted a bid on and ended up going over the amount, but did not charge the County the overage. Supervisors discussed what processes to take in the future with bids. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve paying the invoice for the amount that was approved on the bid. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to accept/file the following MMP Annual Updates/Changes: Hansen Farms-Home Place #62063; Gleason Farms Inc East Side (D2) #57666; Gleason Farms Inc (Home)#61327, Patrick & Joey Schon- Audubon Site #64318 & Gleason Farms Inc- Chad's Site #66867. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the Recorder's fees collected for April 2025. Vote-all in favor. The meeting recessed at 1:00 pm for a Conference Board meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 2:37 pm. Shannon CeCe- Graphite Construction and Justin Veik- ETI were called to discuss the bond status of the HVAC project/completion dates/final bill. It was explained by ETI/Graphite that the bond is in place to protect Audubon County in case the contractor cannot complete the work. Supervisors asked about the retainage amount left. The substantial completion date determines how much retainage is left. When the building was occupied on 1-14-25, the project status was changed to substantial. Supervisors inquired about the substantial date and felt it should be changed to 4-1-25 to reflect the date the jail work was completed. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the final payment to Graphite. Supervisors asked ETI to consider paying the full amount of the jail project. Veik will follow up later in the week. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$135,872.57 and published in a separate publication. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors had a work session to complete the MD&A General Fund changes list from FY23 to FY24. Auditor Frederiksen explained various reasonings to Supervisors and helped complete list. Hansen will finish the list and submit to State Auditors. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk