

May 20th, 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, Devin Gieselman, John Hansen, Brooke Hansen, Paul Nielsen, Clint Fichter, Mike Blum, Todd Johnson, Melissa Thygesen, and Dave Hansen.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda with the addition of discuss/approve Cost Advisory documents. Vote-all in favor. Grabill said he talked to Cally Christensen (West Central Sales/Auction) about the window air units going up for bid. They will store them during the bidding process. No sealed bids were received for the Courthouse desks needing disposed of. Supervisors discussed having those go with the window air units to be auctioned. Chairman Hansen gave an update on the SWI JDC email regarding the lack of presentation from Audubon County. Hansen is on that Board and said they hold their meetings once a month, in Council Bluffs, at noon on Wednesdays and it has been hard to attend. They do not offer a Zoom option, but will allow members to phone in. Hansen said he will follow up with them on this and will make more of a commitment to attend moving forward. Mosinski gave an update regarding the ACED allocations. He would like to schedule a time with Attorney Swensen to work on an agreement between the County and ACED. Once the agreement is in place, ACED will provide the requested information/spreadsheet. Hansen will reach out to the State Auditors regarding the County credit card policy and make sure they have all the information needed.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads maintenance and construction updates. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve both utility permits for Casey Mutal Telephone Co. The first one is located between Sections 2 & 3 (Kingbird Ave), in T80, R35 Leroy Township. The second located along US Hwy 71 (190th St to 120th St). Vote- all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the resignation for Road Crew Equipment Operator B Grade 2 Tyson Smith. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors gave the okay for Rydl to advertise this position as open to be filled. Rydl explained the CDL agreement that Secondary Road uses with employees who do not have one. If the employee stays with the County for at least 3 years, they do not have to pay back any costs for the classes to acquire the CDL. If they leave within 3 years, they will have to pay back a percentage of the class cost depending on how long they had worked for the County. Mosinski- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the CDL agreement for two employees to attend training in Mason City. Vote-all in favor. Crews have been working on ditch cleaning on Lark Ave, South of Exira and Goldfinch Ave at the end of the hospital highway. Trucks have been hauling gravel from the quarry and have started to apply to some of the roads listed on the map for this year. Contractors have been working on the driveways for the Hamlin Feedmill project. The Brayton Road project had a minor setback with a gas line being located where the culvert is going. Contractors are working with the gas company to get the line moved.

Supervisors discussed the Compensation Time resolution for Custodian position. They are having HR Attorney Galloway review the resolution. Supervisors agreed that the Comp time earned is not to be used for banking, as the County provides leaves such as vacation, personal, and floating holidays for this. There is still an opening for a member to be appointed to the Audubon County Magistrate Appointing Commission. Supervisors will reach out to current members for a recommendation. Chairman Hansen will reach out to Cass County regarding a policy on General Relief/Funeral Assistance to see if they would be willing to share a template for Audubon County. There is currently no policy in place. Hansen is still awaiting a reply from Simmering Corey (Jennifer Movall) on the status of the Audubon County ordinance recodification. Auditor Clerk Musfeldt discussed the idea of moving a Supervisor's Tuesday meeting to a Wednesday during the weeks that a Holiday falls on a Monday. The upcoming change from monthly to bi-weekly payroll will put a short deadline on submitting/running the payroll, and with bank deadlines, the Auditor's Office will need staff available on those Tuesdays following a holiday. Supervisors thought this would be a good idea and will review the potential date changes next week. Jeff Lorenz with Cost Advisory Services returned a phone call from Supervisors to explain the services he provides. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve/sign the certification of the Cost Advisory Services. Vote-all in favor.

The City of Exira and Brayton met with Supervisors to give an update on the water crisis. Exira City Clerk

Andersen discussed the costs of getting the professional opinion of an engineer to assess using the City's wells that were used in the past, before hooking on to Regional water. The County is open to the idea of helping with some of these costs if they can within the budget. A revolving loan agreement or economic development funds were two potential ideas. Chairman Hansen would like Exira to provide the County with the amount they would need and a list of reasons why this qualifies as economic development. EMA Director Thygesen discussed the concerns of the residents who are affected by Regional water and not located within the City of Brayton or Exira. Thygesen will talk with Guthrie Public Health/Environmental Health to potentially get a survey sent out to see how many of the rural residents affected have their own wells as a back-up water source. Regional water is still in level red. They are testing water today.

Supervisors discussed allocations for FY26. The libraries within the County are to be allocated the following amounts: Audubon- 60% of \$50,000 and Exira 40% of \$50,000 plus an additional \$1000 for being accredited. Sheriff Johnson and Melissa Thygesen met with the Supervisors to discuss a potential resolution regarding the usage of out of county Deputies being able to drive their patrol cars home. Sheriff said this is considered a benefit and would help retain good employees without requiring them to live within the County. The stipulation in the resolution states they would have to live within 15 miles of the Audubon County line. Previously, Deputies have not been allowed to drive patrol vehicles home if they are not living within the County. The benefit to allowing them to do this would make response times faster if called out because Deputies would not have to drive to the Courthouse to get their vehicle because they would already have it at home. This may potentially increase the number of good quality employees who may apply for a Deputy position in the future. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the patrol vehicle usage Resolution 2025-25 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-25

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Audubon County Sheriff's Deputies may take their patrol vehicles out of county to their residences as long as it is within 15 miles from the county line. The Deputy must go on duty and off duty from the county line and they will not be paid for travel time outside of the county.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2025, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Hansen, Mosinski, Grabill

Nays: None

/s/Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Auditor Clerk

EMA Director Thygesen and Sheriff Johnson spoke to the Supervisors regarding an alarming provision passed in the final hour of the 2025 legislative session that threatens to destabilize 911 operations across the state. This would grant the Iowa 911 Program the authority to charge local 911 services boards for undefined "reasonable costs" associated with delivering 911 traffic to Public Safety Answering Points. The costs must be paid within 30 days of billing. This is very concerning not knowing or having limits to the "reasonable costs". Many officials will be bringing this up to the Governor, as it is currently awaiting her decision to approve or deny.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$39,424.53 and \$6,000 and published in a separate publication. Vote-all in favor. Mosinski left at 12:30 to attend the Board of Health monthly meeting. Hansen had called a member of Planning & Zoning regarding today's meeting but has yet to hear back. It was requested by Hansen to be put on the agenda to discuss the director opening/planning & zoning during next week's meeting at 11:00 am. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to approve the meeting minutes of 5-13-25. Vote-all in favor. Mosinski-absent. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to accept/file the Auditor's April 2025 Month End. Vote-all in favor. Mosinski-absent. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to accept/file Supervisor's April 2025 Month End. Vote-all in favor. Mosinski-absent. Meeting recessed at 12:58 pm. Meeting called back to order at 1:39 pm. Supervisors had a work session to finish completing the MD&A Analytical information requested by the State Auditors. Mosinski returned to the meeting. Chairman Hansen informed others that he will be attending another County's meeting next week and will be absent. Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

/s/Kent Grabill

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk