

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Don Mosinski, Kent Grabill, Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Chassity Musfeldt, Devin Gieselman, Rob Welch, Corey Eberling, Katie Wheeler, Jessie Wheeler, Shannon CeCe- phone, Justin Veik- phone, John Hansen- phone, and Chris Swensen.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion with the City of Exira Library. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the following annual MMP updates/changes: Dove Finishers Farm #69332 & Opperman-Bluebird #69531. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve setting the deadline for sealed bids for various Courthouse items to be submitted to the Auditor's Office by May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Noon. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept/file the resignation letter for Mary Jensen, member of the Audubon County Magistrate Appointing Commission with term ending December 31, 2026. Vote-all in favor. Public comment period was opened. Corey Eberling with Coyote Willow Wind/APEX gave an update. Eberling followed up from last week's meeting discussing the possibility of an energy storage facility being located in Audubon County. Eberling said they currently have nothing proposed on an energy storage facility for Audubon. APEX recently did a virtual headset tour of wind turbines with Exira Elementary School. They will also be offering local scholarships to Atlantic, Exira, and Audubon Schools within the next couple of weeks.

At 9:30 am Katie Wheeler and Jessie Wheeler with the Exira Library met to give updates. Last fiscal year they had over 10,000 people through the door. They have hosted several programs with over 4,000 in attendance. The upcoming summer reading program has had a large turnout in the past and will be starting again soon. This program is run solely on the support of local businesses and patrons. Exira Library offers a wide variety of services including copy, fax, laminating services, internet/wifi, computers, online book/audio book rentals through the Libby App, educational computers for kids, Nintendo switch, stem kits, puzzles, crafts, many large print books, newspapers, dvds, and a meeting room available to rent for free. Exira Library is accredited and works hard to meet the requirements every three years to hold this status. The operating hours will be increased to 40 hours/week starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Graphite Construction/Shannon CeCe was called to discuss the bond holding status/HVAC project. There were still questions regarding the substantial completion date. Graphite was supposed to be sending out a user manual on the HVAC system last month which the County has yet to receive. CeCe said they will be sending that out this week. The final payment and retainage to ETI/Graphite was discussed. Justin Veik with ETI said he will email that over.

Motion-Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$926,012.60 and published in a separate publication. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the Guthrie County REC, Section 1, T79N, R35W Hamlin Township at the intersection of Mockingbird Ave and IA Hwy 44. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the utility permit for Casey Mutual Telephone Company, Sections 16 & 20, T80N, R35W Leroy Township, along the south edge of 190<sup>th</sup> St and north along the west edge of US Hwy 71. Vote-all in favor. Custodian Hansen and Supervisors discussed the Custodian work schedule/hours and compensation time. Chairman Hansen will draft a resolution with the updated work hours/schedule to be discussed and approved at next week's meeting. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the Custodian position to be a 9 hour workday, with a 1 hour lunch, and half day on Fridays, with the flexibility to take the half day on various days. Vote-all in favor. Compensation time was noted to not be paid without notification first. Auditor Frederiksen discussed the information requested from ACED. She has prepared a template/spreadsheet to be filled in from FY18-present. The State Auditor's office was good with the template spreadsheet. It was noted that the State Auditor recommends the County Attorney prepare a written agreement between the County and ACED on allocated funds. Frederiksen said she spoke with the Newspaper regarding recent articles printed and clarified the information printed was inaccurate regarding the 2007 purchase of land. Frederiksen updated the Supervisors on the upcoming change to bi-weekly payroll and that it will be starting in June. Discussion was held on the County credit card policy. This will be brought up at next week's Department Head meeting. Attorney Swensen said he will follow up with the State Auditor's on this. The fencing agreement between Justin Sprague and the County was reviewed and will be ready for approval next week. Swensen is

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currently looking over the vacated alley issue with the property in Ross. The Planning & Zoning Director position is still open. Chairman Hansen would like the Planning & Zoning Board to meet with Supervisors next week at 11:00 am to discuss this matter. Chairman Hansen recapped recent discussion he had with HR Attorney Galloway. Galloway advised that Supervisors need to clarify the intention of Secondary Roads Non-Union wage increases moving forward. An email was read from the Assistant Engineer stating that he requests to follow the rest of the Secondary Roads Non-Union wage increases for FY26 with \$1.00/hour increase instead of the 3.5% amount requested by the Engineer. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve/clarify the intent for Secondary Roads Non-Union Employees to receive \$1.00/hour wage increases for the FY26 year. Vote-all in favor. In the next year Supervisors will approve the Non-Union positions that do not follow the Union increases. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to rescind the motion of all Secondary Roads Non-Union employees following the Union's \$1.00/hour increase to include the exception of the Assistant Engineer position to receive a 3.5% increase per the recommendation of the Engineer. Vote-all in favor.

At 1:00 pm Engineer Rydl, Cory Baier, and Jami Schleimer from Secondary Roads met with Supervisors to discuss upcoming motor grader purchases. Quotes were reviewed from John Deere and Caterpillar. The overall consensus was to go with the John Deere motor graders for several reasons including lower costs, and better warranties. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the utility permit for Casey Mutual Telephone Company for Sections 14,11,9 & 10 T80N, R35W Leroy Township, along with east edge of Kingbird Ave and along the south line of 170<sup>th</sup> St. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

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Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk