

June 24th, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:04 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Don Mosinski, Kent Grabill, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Jarrod Beckstrom, Corey Eberling, Rob Welch, Paul Nielsen, Todd Johnson, Jotham Arber, Miranda Bills, Ron Mullenger, Bruce Haag, Debbie Campbell, Brett Irlmeier, Pat Kaiser, Sarah Slater, Chris Swensen, Gail Richardson, Teresa Murray, Katie Wheeler, Nathan Wahlert, and Meg Andersen.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda with the amendment to add discuss/approve an as-needed dispatcher hiring resolution. Vote-all in favor. Recorder Bills discussed the postage meter situation with Supervisors. Auditor Clerk Musfeldt shared email responses from Pitney Bowes regarding the current meter. They will not renew the contract ending in August 2025 unless the whole machine is replaced to be compliant with the USPS, even though the USPS will accept the current stamps until 2027. Musfeldt will reach out to a sales representative to ask about other options. Bills will check with other Counties to see what they use and pricing options. More discussion will follow next week. Public comment was opened at 9:17 am. Members from Coyote Willow Wind discussed the topic of battery/energy storage that was brought up at previous meetings. They said their company currently has no plans for bringing in energy storage to Audubon County. Chairman Hansen said he has not heard back from Next Era regarding a meeting about their potential battery storage location. Coyote Willow did provide some informational printouts on energy storage for the Supervisors. Paul Nielsen asked Supervisors if there was any bond money still needing to be spent by next April. Supervisors were unaware but are going to check on this. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 6-17-25. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the 3-year contract with Nyhart to prepare the GASB 75 OPEB report. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the FY26 Appropriations Resolution 2025-33 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION 2025-33

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different offices and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in accordance with 331.434 (6), Code of Iowa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa as follows:

SECTION 1. The amounts itemized to the departments or offices are listed as follows:

Board of Supervisors (1)	\$206,344	Auditor(2)	\$547,600
Treasurer (3)	\$306,698	Attorney(4)	\$325,520
Sheriff (5).....	\$1,837,013	Recorder(7).....	\$227,610
Engineer (20)	\$7,769,692	Veterans Affairs(21).....	\$65,285
Conservation Board(22).....	\$ 648,260	Public Health Board(23).....	\$301,525
Weed Commission/Roadside(24)	\$286,706	Social Services(25)	\$10,370
Sanitarian (27).....	\$ 47,500	Juvenile Justice (30).....	\$15,300
Misc. Court (31)	\$14,700	General Services(51).....	\$655,305
Data Processing(52).....	\$330,322	Mental Health(60).....	\$2,800
Non-Departmental (99).....	\$3,148,710		

SECTION 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state laws, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or office listed to make expenditures or incur obligations, effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. In accordance with 331.437, Code of Iowa, no department or office shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this resolution.

SECTION 4. If, at any time, during the 2025-2026 budget year the Auditor shall ascertain that the department will be over that said department's total appropriation, she shall immediately inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

SECTION 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which accounts shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amounts charge thereto, and

the unencumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the monthly status of such accounts to the applicable departments and offices during the 2025-2026 budget year.

SECTION 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2026.

Passed this 24th day of June, 2025, with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Grabill, Mosinski

NAYS: None

/s/Heath Hansen

ATTEST: /s/ Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2025-34 for As-Needed Jailer/Dispatcher Turner as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-34

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Jasmine Turner be hired as an as-needed dispatcher/jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff’s Office effective November 29, 2024. This position will follow the Union Contract for an as-needed employee. The hourly wage will be \$24.77 per hour and follow the Union Contract for pay increases as set.

Ayes: Hansen, Mosinski, Grabill

Nays: None

/s/Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Board of Supervisor’s Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Jotham Arber with Audubon/Guthrie Public Health gave updates from the month of May 2025. They have been working on a flow sheet to hand out regarding different types of assistance for residents of the County. Arber is trying to get a type of free clinic in the works to offer different services to offset the costs that are no longer covered by Medicare. They have also been working with several rural residents to rehabilitate old wells, so there is a backup water source available in addition to the Regional Water. Arber said they are keeping good strategies in place for these water shortages and do have a pallet of water on hand for those in severe need.

Conservation Director Haag and Conservation Board member Ron Mullenger met with Supervisors and Treasurer Campbell to discuss the hotel/motel tax on the cabin rentals. Haag said they have not made a payment yet but have a total revenue amount ranging from last fall to the present date. Campbell had concerns that it needs addressed immediately to avoid the County getting in trouble for unpaid State taxes. Haag will be meeting with the Adam’s County Conservation Department to see how it is set up and correlates with My County Parks. Moving forward, the cabin revenues need to be split out between the tax amount and the remaining revenue.

At 12:00 pm ACED members met with Attorney Swensen and Supervisors to discuss the requested written agreement between ACED and Audubon County. County still waiting for requested financial information from ACED. Swensen prepared a written agreement after speaking with the State Auditor’s Office regarding what information should be included and requested by the County for the funds allocated to ACED as follows:

Agreement Regarding County Funding of ACED

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors believes that economic development is an important public purpose, is in the public interest, and will continue to enhance the ability of Audubon County to provide for the health and welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes it is necessary to and has set aside certain funds for economic development and has annually allocated funds to be issued to the Audubon County Economic Development Corporation,

Given these allocations of County funds, Audubon County Economic Development Corporation agrees to annually provide a Fiscal Summary Review and Proposed Budget to the Audubon County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Audubon County Economic Development, Pat Kaiser, Vice Chair

ACED

Hansen, Grabill and Mosinski acknowledged agreement with signatures. Kaiser asked Supervisors if they would be able to commit to allocations for FY26 so ACED could complete their budget. Pending receipt of financial documentation from ACED, Supervisors will need to look at their budget and have further discussion before

committing an amount.

At 1:00 pm representatives from the Audubon Library and Exira Library discussed future allocations following the FY26 fiscal year. Both libraries pointed out that regardless of where a resident lives in the County, both libraries are there to serve the entire County. The past library allocations were generally split 60% Audubon, 30% Exira, and 10% Kimballton, but this was recently changed due to Kimballton no longer having an open library. Richardson prepared and provided informative documents from area Counties on how they split the allocations between libraries. Exira was allocated an additional \$1000 for FY26 for acquiring the accreditation status. Audubon said in the past they had been accredited but did not receive additional funding for that. Exira explained that with the accreditation they are eligible to receive different grants and fundings from the State. Auditor Frederiksen prepared and provided several different options/formulas proposing upcoming splits. No decisions were made. More discussion will follow at another time.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$493,789.21 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.

/s/ Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: _____
Audubon County Auditor Clerk