

August 12th, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Heath Hansen. Present at the meeting were Heath Hansen, Don Mosinski, Kent Grabill, Chassity Musfeldt, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, Chris Swensen, Todd Johnson, Brandon Hardy, John Hansen, Tyler Thygesen, and Mitch Rydl.

Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. The sales tax and credit card policies were reviewed. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the updates to the policies. Vote-all in favor. Treasurer Campbell met with the Supervisors to discuss four parcels that have been acquired by the City of Exira and would like approval for tax abatements. Motion- Mosinski Second-Grabill to approve the tax abatements on the following parcels all owned by the City of Exira: 05-11-04-016-130, 05-11-03-012-210, 05-11-04-016-066, and 05-11-04-016-067. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the revised policies 15 (Claims Approval) and 16 (Petty Cash). Vote-all in favor.

The August Department Head meeting was held at 9:30 am. Chairman Hansen discussed the recent policy revisions and said the Supervisors may be reaching out to different departments if the policy pertains to them. State Auditors will be working onsite this week for the FY25 Audit. There will be a safety meeting at 2:00 pm today in the Board room. Recorder Bills said the County was close to 100% participation for the Wellness exams. The Public Hearing for the Temporary Moratorium of battery/energy storage within Audubon County was opened at 10:20 am.

Engineer Rydl gave recent Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. A recent topic has been the dead trees that could or have potentially fallen into the right-of-way but were located on privately owned land. The question would be whether the landowner or the County was responsible for this. The Iowa Code sections were referenced. Rydl said on September 25th, there will be a John Deere factory tour if anyone is interested in going. This is where the three new motor graders are being assembled. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the Casey Mutual Telephone Company utility permit located along 270th St, T79N, R34W in Greeley Township. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the water line utility permit application for Tony Smith located at 2764 Falcon Ave, Sections 35 & 36 in T79N, R36W in Sharon Township. Vote-all in favor. The plans were presented and reviewed for the upcoming Mockingbird HMA paving project (Exira). Motion- Grabill Second- Mosinski to approve the plans/bid documents for the Mockingbird HMA paving project. Vote-all in favor. The Brayton project is now completed. Rydl would like to have a potential meeting in September with the City of Brayton to discuss the payment to the County. Crews have been busy with bridge maintenance and ditch cleaning.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the ISAC Resolution 2025-44 designating voting representatives as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2025-44**To Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties**

WHEREAS, Audubon County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and

WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: **Donald Mosinski, Heath Hansen, Kent Grabill**

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association: **Todd Johnson**

Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: **Christopher Swensen**

Iowa State Association of County Auditors: **Lisa Frederiksen**

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: **Debbie Campbell**

Iowa County Recorders Association, Inc.: **Miranda Bills**

Iowa County Engineers Association: **Mitch Rydl**

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Iowa State Association of Assessors: **Sheri Karns**

Iowa Community Services Association: **Breanna Mormon**

Iowa Emergency Management Association: **Tyler Thygesen**

County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: **Bruce Haag**

Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: **Jotham Arber**

Iowa Counties Public Health Association: **Jotham Arber**

County Zoning Officials of Iowa: **Tiffany Henkle**

Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: **Ben Linde**

Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: **William Baylor**

The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to support@iowacounties.org.

Approved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors on 8-12-25.

/s/ Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Board Chair

Attest: Auditor Clerk

Attorney Swensen presented the resolution placing a temporary moratorium on battery/energy storage being located within Audubon County. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:10 am. No comments were received from the public. Chairman Hansen read the resolution, and a roll call vote was done. Ayes: Hansen, Mosinski, and Grabill. Nays: None.

Resolution 2025-46

A resolution authorizing a temporary moratorium on utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), in Audubon County, Iowa

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302 requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County currently does not have a specific ordinance pertaining to utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS); and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting resident's life, health, and safety as well as safeguarding the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate zoning standards;

WHEREAS, the Audubon Board of Supervisors and the Audubon Planning & Zoning Commission require time to gather information and coordinate with agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems development;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on and reading of a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on utility-scale battery energy storage systems was held at 10:00 a.m., on August 12, 2025, in the Audubon County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that Audubon County now imposes a temporary moratorium, effective immediately and until the January 1, 2026; or until passage of an Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems Development ordinance, on accepting or processing any applications for the construction of utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest, Auditor Clerk

Votes Taken:

Ayes – Hansen, Mosinski & Grabill

Nays – None

Absent – None

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve Resolution 2025-45 for the Planning & Zoning Director position and pay rate as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-45

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Tiffany Henkle be hired as the Planning and Zoning Director for Audubon County effective August 1st, 2025. This position will follow the County Handbook.

The compensation will be an annual rate of \$5,400, paid biweekly.

/s/Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Motion- Grabill Second-Hansen to accept/file the Clerk of Court's fees collected for July 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$75,095.54 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to approve the meeting minutes from 8-5-25. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to accept/file the Supervisor's Month End Reports from July 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Grabill Second- Hansen to accept/file the Auditor's Month End reports for the month of July 2025. Vote-all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

/s/Heath Hansen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt
Attest: _____
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

