

January 13th, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Heath Hansen, Don Mosinski, Chassity Musfeldt, Gareth Stouffer, Tyler Thygesen, Mitch Rydl, John Hansen, Bruce Haag, Ben Linde, Chris Swensen, Meg Andersen, Clark Borkowski, Paul Nielsen, Gail Richardson, and Tiffany Henkle.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Molly's Special Class B Native Retail Wine License effective 1-28-26. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the following DNR Annual MMP Updates/Changes: Edward Wiederstein Farm #58869; Handlos Home East #59727; Handlos Steffes East-6A #61952; Pheasant Avenue Farms LTD #58382; Handlos 4A King Farm #61964; Greg Hansen Albertson Site #62166; Jerry Schultes Finishing #60937 and Dan Jorgensen #60478. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve DNR MMP Annual Update/Change for Kent Grabill #58071. Grabill-abstained. Motion- Hansen Second to accept/file the Clerk of Court's Report of Fees Collected for December 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to accept/file the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for December 2025. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to accept/file the Sheriff's Quarterly report for October-December 2025. Vote-all in favor.

Public Comment was opened at 9:15 am. Gareth Stouffer said APEX should be contacting landowners soon regarding the MET tower placement.

Supervisors reviewed December 2025 Month End Reports. They had a few questions they would like to ask the Auditor/Budget Director about next week before accepting/file.

At 9:30 am the January Department Head meeting was called to order. Custodian Hansen gave an update that a company is here to work on the rooftop units. Mosinski said Justin Veik with ETI provided an email of all the items needing addressed while the warranty is active. Veik has escalated the items to get fixed. The FY27 employee insurance contribution rates were discussed. The pre-tax flex forms were due in December and there were some concerns that now if the single plans have increased, they may not have selected to pre-tax, and now it is past the point of changing. Auditor's office has reached out to Health Equity to see if those pre-tax forms could be updated, but it is not a qualifying event, so the forms cannot be altered.

City of Exira met with Supervisors at 10:00 am to discuss the East Side Drive project. It is a joint City/County project. Meg Andersen, City Clerk, explained the estimated project costs, TIF funding, design work, and reimbursement to the County in a three-year installment plan. Engineer Rydl had met with the City of Exira and was okay with the three-year installment, but Andersen wanted to run it by the Supervisors. Chairman Grabill asked if this was something we need to have the County Attorney draw up. Andersen will have Clint Fichter, the Exira City attorney draw up an agreement, and forward it on to the County Attorney for review. Mosinski inquired where the City of Exira is at on the water issues, and potential solutions. Andersen said they have been working with area Cities and Engineers. She is currently awaiting a response from USDA for answers on funding options. Chairman Grabill had spoken to the representative at the Governor's Office, but they were unable to provide answers or help but said they are aware of the situation.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. The LFM (Mockingbird Ave)—7X-05 paving project bids were presented. Three bids were presented, and the apparent low bid came from Oldcastle Materials Midwest Co (OMNI Engineering) out of Omaha, NE. This will be a 45-working day project. This is an Urban Renewal project, so Rydl will have pay estimates submitted regularly. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to award OMNI Engineering the bid for the Mockingbird Project for the estimated amount of \$531,688.89. Vote-all in favor. Rydl updated the Supervisors that Secondary Roads/Roadside addressed the letter from Northern Natural Gas on the right of way work needing to be done. Rydl said they addressed the concerns of Cliff Nelson from last week's meeting. Thursday there will be a training session at the REC Center with the DOT for the surrounding County Engineers. There will be a Weed Commissioner conference coming up next month. The Hungry Canyons meeting will be held next month at the REC Center. Rydl reminded Supervisors to contact the City of Brayton regarding the payment from the recent project completed.

Gail Richardson, representing the City of Audubon Library, met to present the current library budget. Richardson would like the Supervisors to consider keeping the allocation to the Audubon Library the same.

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Richardson provided a packet that included statistics and reporting from other libraries in Iowa to help compare and consider during the upcoming allocation decisions. Supervisors inquired if Audubon was looking to get accredited status, and Richardson said they are looking into it. The amounts that the Cities contribute to the libraries were discussed. Richardson said they have their budget meeting with the cities on Thursday. Supervisors discussed that the FY27 allocation rates are going to decrease but have not made a final decision on the total allocation. The total allocation for the libraries will be split 50/50 between the Audubon and Exira Libraries. There have been challenges with book suppliers who previously gave discounts, and went out of business, so utilizing other suppliers who charge shipping has created some extra expenses. There will need to be some building updates that will cause extra expenses as well. Supervisors expressed gratitude to the library for all the hard work, and that the County is lucky to have two great libraries.

IT Director Linde discussed the County Website and inquired about the shared usage. Linde has been regularly updating the website.

Planning and Zoning Director Tiffany Henkle discussed a recent Board of Adjustments meeting. Henkle presented a variance on a split of land that did not meet the acre requirements. The Board of Adjustment approved this variance. Supervisors acknowledged the approval and agreed with the Board of Adjustment's decision.

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$129,877.48 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors held a budget work session for FY27. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.

/s/ Kent Grabill

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk