

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Todd Johnson, Corey Eberling, Ben Linde, Gareth Stouffer, Gabe Goldberg, Lisa Frederiksen, Todd Nelsen, Miranda Bills, Debbie Campbell, Robert Malloy, Paul Nielsen, Sheri Karns, Tyler Meaike, Pat McCuen, Tom Allen, Tim Hayden, Michael Lawson, Mitch Rydl and TJ Jacobsen.

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to accept/file the letter of resignation for jailer/dispatcher Christine Burgin. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the hiring resolution for As-Needed Deputy as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**Resolution 2026-6**

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Ethan Bearley be hired as an as-needed Deputy Sheriff for Audubon County Sheriff's Office effective January 27, 2026. His hourly rate will be \$30.00, and this position will follow the Union Contract.

Dated at Audubon this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

/s/Kent Grabill

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Board of Supervisor's Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

IT Director Linde presented a quote for a storage upgrade. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the purchase of storage space upgrade. Vote-all in favor. Linde gave updates on IT Department and discussion with ICIT group to help cover his work while he is out on leave. Linde presented a quote for the NinjaOne program to help work remotely and do updates. Supervisors requested a shorter-term lease quote. More discussion will follow next week after Linde provides the updated quote.

Public Comment was opened. Corey Eberling gave updates for APEX on the wind turbine project. They are looking forward to hosting another landowner dinner in March. Crews will start putting up the temporary MET towers next week.

Auditor Frederiksen discussed the Supervisors budget, and said Chairman Grabill worked with her yesterday to get most of the Supervisor's budget complete. Auditor explained all the updates and changes made to the budget forms, all the debts added, and the tree grant addition. Mosinski inquired about the Hamlin Feedmill tax abatement. Frederiksen explained when the first payment was due and where it comes out of.

Recorder Bills discussed termination of easement deeds. A couple of corrections need to be made before they can be recorded.

Debbie Campbell presented the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. The balances were discussed and she answered various questions from the Supervisors. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Vote-all in favor.

Supervisor Mosinski gave an update regarding the ACED agreement. Mosinski would like to set a date to go over it with the County Attorney and possibly ACED if needed. Robert Malloy inquired about the ACED agreement and allocation. Mosinski explained the agreement and the potential budget amendment for this current year's allocation, once the agreement is completed. Todd Nelsen inquired about the Valley Business Park revenue, and the total that was received, and the total given to ACED. Malloy discussed using those funds for businesses to purchase lots in town, boosting the local economic development. Mosinski encouraged Malloy to reach out to ACED. Malloy said he had spoken with them but was told by ACED they didn't want his type of business in that location. There were concerns that when one entity has control of the prime/main available land to build new business, and they don't approve of them if it isn't in their scope, those businesses are relocating out of town. Nelsen said ACED would want to have businesses built that provide additional jobs within the community. Malloy said he could have added several job openings if he had that business opportunity. Concerns were voiced that small new businesses have nowhere locally to start/build and have to look outside of town for those opportunities. The compensation board recommendations were discussed and explained to Nelsen and Malloy.

December Month-End reports were reviewed again. Auditor Frederiksen answered various questions. The previous battery/energy storage moratorium was discussed because it expired January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Supervisors would like to give the company a chance to come in for discussion but would like to extend the moratorium out a few more months. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to extend the moratorium until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, pending resolutions and public hearing. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors will consult with County Attorney for further guidance. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount \$85,284.22 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the 1-15-26 and 1-20-26 meeting minutes. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to accept the Auditor/Supervisor December Month End 2025. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Grabill gave updates from the Tree Grant meeting he attended in Exira. This grant is 100% reimbursable, but will need to be paid first, then the full reimbursement will be received. Grabill spoke to Auditor Frederiksen about this, and they will most likely have it come out of the County budget and the reimbursement will come back into that fund. Grabill has a contract to sign but would like the County Attorney to look over it first.

Jotham Arber gave Public Health updates. Supervisors asked Arber about the revenue from the Opioid reimbursements coming in FY27. Arber said it should be around \$12,000. These funds are used for approved categories that relate to opioid treatment based on the resolution that was passed. EMA, Sheriff's Office and Public Health have been looking at local homeless population and making sure they have somewhere warm to go to during the cold months. On the home-health side, they have been looking at making sure these people receive the care they need and help cover some of the untreated conditions. Arber will be reaching out to other groups, churches and Region XII to try to collaborate and find some solutions. The report on services provided during last month was discussed. Arber said there have been a lot of illnesses in the schools recently. They have done a recent drill with the hospital for emergency preparedness on generator failure. Environmental Health has been busy in the office working on getting the septic drawings on Beacon.

Snow Fox Discovery joined the Supervisors meeting to give updates on the potential hydrogen project coming to Audubon. Snow Fox was represented by Tom Allen and Micheal Lawson. They put on a slideshow presentation to explain who they are and the processes involved. They are currently in the phase of signing leases with area landowners. It is believed that Audubon is a prime location to extract hydrogen, which could be used to make ammonia, and ideally a fertilizer plant that would boost the local job market. Questions from the Public are encouraged. Snow Fox's goal is to safely explore, discover, and produce natural hydrogen, in a clean manner, for the local community. They encourage landowners to reach out if they are interested in a lease. The lease would offer a guaranteed dollar per acre up front, and in addition, royalties if a well is formed. Snow Fox is happy to share any information with the State Geological Survey for their research purposes, especially for future water resources. They are looking to the local community for future support with a local office, hiring of employees, and utilizing local resources.

Roadside Manager/Weed Commissioner TJ Jacobsen presented the department's FY27 budget to the Supervisors. Engineer Mitch Rydl also met with Supervisors to review and present Secondary Road's FY27 budget. Rydl explained a proposed utility permit. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the Utility Permit Application for MidAmerican Gas, Section 3, R35W, T78N (Exira Township) along the east side of East Side Dr. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve 0% increase on the Supervisor's FY27 Wage Resolution 2026-7 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2026-7**

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Compensation Board met on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Propose Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Supervisors	\$34,382.51	2.8%	\$35,345.22

Supervisor- Chair \$1,039.22 2.8% \$1,068.32 stipend

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary adjustments for the Audubon County Supervisors for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026:

Elected Official      Approved Salary      Approve Increase

Supervisors \$34,382.51 0%

Supervisor- Chair \$1,039.22 0%

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2, 2026

AYES: All NAYS:

## AUDUBON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/Kent Grabill

John G. Grabin

Attendance: Supervisor, Chairperson  
Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm

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/s/ Kent Grabill

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**ATTEST:**

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

## Audubon County Auditor Clerk

/s/ Chassity Musfeldt

### Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk