

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Chassity Musfeldt, John Hansen, Ben Linde, Mike Blum, Miranda Bills, Mitch Rydl, Paul Nielsen, Ron Mullenger, Jerry Kelly, Randy Dreher, Cole Christensen, and Chris Swensen. Supervisor Heath Hansen was absent.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Hansen sent a message that he is currently working on getting the policies into written form. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the following DNR MMP Annual Updates/Changes for the following: Nelson Site- AMVC RE LLC #58248; Brian Klocke ##66574; Danny Wittrock #58183 and Alan Friedman- Noble #71464. Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Mosinski updated the Board that Region XII helped write a grant for Audubon County to get new license plate reader cameras for the Sheriff's Department and needs the Supervisors signature for it to be submitted. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the grant letter of support for the new license plate reader cameras for the Sheriff's Department. Vote-all in favor.

Custodian Hansen updated the Supervisors that he has continuing education classes for plumbing and heating the next two Fridays. Hansen inquired whether the Supervisors would continue to pay for this, as they have in the past. Supervisors said they would continue paying for this so Hansen will be able to continue to utilize his certification for work within the Courthouse. Hansen said Feld Fire is at the Courthouse today checking the smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

IT Director Linde discussed the NinjaOne program that was reviewed last week. Linde said they do not have a shorter-term contract, so the minimum would be a year. Linde has the funds in his budget this year. This system would be able to remotely connect the ICIT group to the Courthouse, help Linde remote in, push updates, and create a ticketing program. Linde updated on the status of a new server room at Secondary Roads. This would be used for disaster recovery. Linde is waiting on quotes for the cost of the materials needed to build the room. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the NinjaOne remote monitoring program purchase. Vote-all in favor.

Supervisor Mosinski updated on the statewide Supervisor meeting he attended last week. They gave the most recent legislative updates including the property tax concerns and HF718 updates/concerns. The Veteran's Affairs grants for each County in Iowa were discussed. Back the Blue was another topic discussed and the amount of money that the smaller counties pay causing hardship on the budget.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 1-27-26. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Grabill said he will reach out to the contact for the Gray Highway Memorial Sign and will give an update at next week's meeting. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$12,689.08 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor.

Recorder Bills met with the Supervisors to review the FY27 budget. Any increases were noted and explained. Revenues were discussed and reviewed. Concerns were voiced on the amount of revenue the County gets to keep compared to the State on transactions done within the office.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. Rydl discussed the CDL agreement for the new employee Jacob Lebeck. The County will pay for the training and travel, and if the employee leaves within a certain time frame, they will be responsible for reimbursement back to the County for those costs. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the CDL training agreement. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve Resolution 2026-8 the Jacob Palmer to move into the Crew Leader position as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2026-8

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Jacob Palmer have his position changed to Grade 4 Classification, Crew Leader, 2 years for the Audubon County Secondary Roads Department effective February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Hourly wage will raise from \$25.79 to \$26.88. All benefits will continue as original hiring resolution.

Passed and approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Kent Grabill

ATTEST

By:/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Staff are currently working on cutting down trees and completing work orders in the southern part of the county.

Next Monday, Rydl and Mosinski will be attending the annual Farm Bureau meeting.

Conservation Director and Board members met with Supervisors at 11:00 am to review the FY27 Budget. Increases and decreases on each line were discussed. Questions from the Public on what other Counties do for the cleaning of the cabins were asked. Haag said a lot of Counties utilize a campground host and pay a flat rate per cabin, along with free camping fees. Haag and Supervisors found a few areas to make some cuts in the budget. The costs to maintain the bike trail, and ongoing maintenance were discussed. Mosinski asked if Haag has considered charging to use the trail or adding a sign to encourage donations via QR Code. Input from the Public included the idea of reaching out to surrounding counties to compare their budgets to ours. Haag presented a salary survey of surrounding counties. Haag would like to increase the wages to get closer to the average wage of the surrounding counties. Supervisors suggested keeping the data of how many out of county campers/renters utilize the park, to show the amount of tourism that was brought to the County.

Attorney Chris Swensen discussed the Public Notice for the Temporary Moratorium for the battery and energy storage within Audubon County. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the Resolution 2026-9 setting the time and date for the Public Notice for an extension on a temporary moratorium for battery and energy storage as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Resolution 2026-9**

**A resolution setting date and time for public hearing regarding a temporary extension moratorium on utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)**

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 Planning & Zoning Commission will require additional time to gather information and coordinate with different agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to utility-scale BESS development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That a public hearing be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Audubon County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room to hear comments from the public or other interested parties on a proposed resolution enacting a temporary extension moratorium on accepting or processing any applications for the construction of utility-scale BESS, until such time as the county is able to implement appropriate zoning ordinances regulating such systems.

/s/Kent Grabill

Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest, Auditor Clerk

Swensen updated on the ACED agreement saying they have sent some information, but he would like to have a little more detailed breakdown to expand out where funds were going with a timeframe of when they were allocated. FY27 Budget review was not completed. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

/s/Kent Grabill

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk