

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

January 16, 2020

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Thompson. Present were Todd Nelsen and Gary VanAernam. Others present were Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Becky Marten, Phillip Mennenoh, Bruce Haag, Gary Olsen, Connie Esbeck, Miranda Bills, Todd Johnson, Tiffany Henkle and Sarah Jennings.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the agenda with addition of Recorder and Attorney budget reviews. Vote-all in favor.

E-911 and EMA director Phil Mennenoh presented his EMA and E-911 budgets. He said State strongly suggests that Audubon County have a Hazmat contract in place. Phil has looked into this and Tri-County could provide this at approximately \$8000/year and FEMA would reimburse the County. He stated that if the County stays with the older EMA vehicle it would need tires and possible drive train in future. He is presently asking for \$30,000 for Tahoe vehicle which also would be used as his portable office during disasters and grant would be available for half of this cost. There is also maintenance to be done on the current hazard mitigation plan. Also there is a need for new UHF radio system for vehicle. Board instructed Phil to publish budget with the \$30,000 but this might need to be taken out at later date.

In discussing the E-911 budget he said all old frequencies will be gone by fall and he is requesting increased funding for radios and towers needed in near future. No verbal promises made for the EMA and E-911 budgets at this time.

Conservation Director Bruce Haag and Board members Gary Olsen and Connie Esbeck discussed \$20,000 under buildings they have requested as they are needing a shop in which to build cabins and they hope to have first cabin done by next spring. No verbal promises made at this time.

Sheriff Johnson and Tiffany Henkle presented Sheriff's budget for review. The Sheriff stated they purchased 2 vehicles last year and the BOS had approved 1. In new budget they are requesting 3 vehicles and also a drug dog next fall. Johnson stated vehicles are 2013 and two 2015 with 96,000-126,000 miles on them. Supervisors Nelsen questioned if any of these Tahoe vehicles would work for EMA-E911 director Mennenoh. Johnson stated that the E911 Board would really like to see Mennenoh have a new vehicle. Johnson also stated they are in the planning for a new tower with no location or figures at present time. Meeting will be held about tower and would like to lease. At present time deputy candidates are not certified. No verbal promises made at this time.

Miranda Bills presented her proposed Recorder's budget. Supervisors discussed lack of communication on the hiring of a full-time deputy versus part-time deputy. Board wants in writing an attorney opinion on this matter. Bills said she had gone ahead and offered this FT position previous day. Board also questioned why they were not informed of the resignation back in November and that placement of funds in an amendment notice does not constitute approval/appropriation of requested funds. Much discussion held concerning this matter. No verbal promises made for presented budget/amendment.

Attorney Sarah Jennings reviewed her budget. She is budgeting for raising her new employee \$1.00/hour to \$19 at 6 month evaluation and then another \$1.00/hour July 2020 to \$20/hr. No verbal promises made. Discussion on attorney opinion on deputies of elected officials.

Discussion on compensation board recommendations/meetings and frustration the comp board has with their recommendations being cut without any consultation. Discussion held on the Supervisors honoring other board's decisions. Discussion was held with Budget Director Frederiksen on need to roll up budget prior to meeting with department heads so BOS knows fund balances. Future changes after department review are preferably only rolled up one time versus multiple times. At present time still waiting on Supervisors 12/31/19 budget import file.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

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Audubon County Deputy Auditor