

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Board Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others attending were Becky Marten, Todd Johnson, Suzanne Cooner, Paul Topliff, Barb Jacobsen, Mike Jensen, Chris Corrin of Western Iowa Wireless, John Markres of Unplugged Wireless. Rick Thompson, Mitch Rydl and Chris Hemmingsen all via Zoom. Gary VanAernam ABSENT.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the agenda with removal of items: discuss/consider non-union raises and discuss Engineer contract for FY23. Also change wording to discuss hiring/give approval of Tyler Thygesen, Fulltime EMA-E911 Director. Vote-all in favor.

Chris Corrin, owner of Western Iowa Wireless, spoke instead of Dillon Hager who was on agenda. He stated they are presently serving more people in the town of Audubon and presently are having trouble providing the best service available to those living in certain areas of Audubon. He is requesting permission for satellite service off the present tower located behind the Courthouse. Sheriff Johnson joined the meeting and stated that they are maxed out on the tower and stressed that public safety is main concern. They recently had an engineer do a tower study verifying this information. Supervisor Sorensen stated that internet service to the community is very important. Motion made by Sorensen Second-Thompson stating that if Western Iowa Wireless would like to hire a structural engineer to do a survey at their expense that would be fine. Vote-all in favor. Corrin stated he would do this and Johnson requested that it be a neutral party.

Suzanne Cooner, CEO and Paul Topliff, COO presented an annual report from the Audubon County Memorial Hospital. Cooner reviewed finances and how various funding revenues were used. She discussed staff and recruiting issues. Discussed the partnering with Guthrie County Public Health and the increased services that are now being provided to Audubon County residents. The hospital is currently retrofitting old storage room to include space for Audubon County Public Health and also will include a meeting room that can be used by community health providers as needed and space to hold mass vaccination clinics. Hospital has been primary provider of COVID vaccine for county along with Public Health and Medicap. Hospital has engaged Avel e-Hospitalists telemedicine to provide 24/7 access to board certified internal medicine physicians via telemedicine allowing sicker patients to be kept at ACMH.

Topliff the COO at ACMH relayed the concern of the hospital for Audubon County residents with its current ambulance situation. Midwest Medical Transport is currently servicing Cass County fulltime and is only available to Audubon County on a limited basis along with Medair. He praised the volunteer EMA's/Firemen for their services but there are situations when an ambulance is further needed. Cooner strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to be addressing this issue. It was proposed that Cooner will meet with the new EMA-E911 Director Tyler Thygesen to discuss ideas and later involve the BOS, city officials, ACMH, fire departments and police departments reviewing options.

Barbara Jacobsen representing EMA-E911 Board said they had interviewed two candidates but made the decision to hire Tyler Thygesen. They are asking for the BOS approval for making this a fulltime position. Board acknowledged the EMA-E911 Board hiring of Tyler Thygesen as a fulltime position at \$45,000 per year with county benefits. Both Jacobsen and Johnson thanked Mike Jensen for his interim service and he will remain on as needed to assist Thygesen.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Sheriff Johnson brought John of Unplugged Wireless into meeting to discuss the tower. John stated he is also concerned about the tower being overloaded with the addition of Western Iowa Wireless. Thompson/Zoom asked Sorensen about the tower which was taken down by the Audubon water tower. Sorensen stated was hauled away by another company and was basically of no use.

Supervisor Sorensen discussed meeting he had recently attended with Brayton City Council concerning the farm to market road and will be needing new 28E agreement. Engineer Rydl discussed meeting will need to be held after budgets are completed and other projects also to be discussed. Stated two new pickups will be arriving and they were ordered in July. Stated crews worked full day on Saturday and part of Sunday with the snow removal. Now are working on getting roads plowed back, brush pile burning, Rydl and Parris had met with Puck Enterprises and they are wanting to move a driveway in the new project. Rydl will be talking with DOT and Region XII concerning the RISE application.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, Emergency Management Director, E911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$472,844.49. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to sign the Liftoff Office 365 document on first page of contract. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Sheriff's 4th Quarter report. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Clerk of Court's December report of fees. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file MMP annual updates for: Handlos 4A King farm #61964, Pheasant Ave Farms LTD #58382 and Handlos Home East #59727. Vote-all in favor. After review Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2022-06 (MH legislative rulings). Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-06

WHEREAS, SF 619 legislative rulings on regionalized mental health services, the MH Fund will be eliminated beginning with FY23 and

WHEREAS, if MH advocates will continue to be employed by county a General Basic subfund has been recommended by state notification to continue regional reimbursement of this position **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that a new other General sub fund titled "MH Expenses" – will be set up. The Auditor and Treasurer offices are directed to create this fund accordingly.

Passed on this 18th day of January, 2022, with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Thompson, Sorensen NAYS: none

/s/ Doug Sorensen

ATTEST: /s/ Becky Marten, Clerk

Chairperson, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2022-07 replacing Resolution 2021-42. Vote-all in favor. (Chassity Musfeldt 6-month probationary raise correction)

RESOLUTION 2022-07

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective September 23, 2021, Audubon Clerk Chassity Musfeldt receive her 6-month probationary raise to \$17.48/hour. She is eligible for an additional increase at her 1st anniversary date. Annual July 1st raises will also be effective with Board of Supervisor approval.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 18th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Doug Sorensen

Attest: /s/ Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor

Audubon County, Iowa

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2022-08 replacing Resolution 2021-51. Vote-all in favor. (hiring of Annie Brinks, Attorney Clerk)

RESOLUTION 2022-08

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective January 18, 2022, Annie Brinks, be employed as full-time County Attorney Clerk. Starting wage will be \$17.50/hour at 40 hours per week. Probationary wage rate will potentially increase at County Attorney's discretion at the 6-month, or 1st anniversary dates. Upon Board approval, will be eligible for annual July 1st raises. Benefits will follow the Audubon County Employee Information Handbook.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 18th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Doug Sorensen

Attest: /s/ Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor

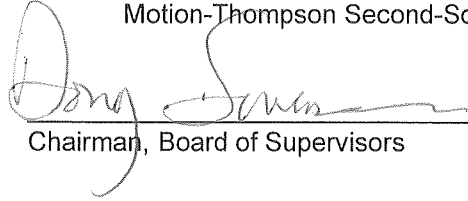
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Some budget/amendment items were discussed and Thompson stated he would contact Dave Lake concerning the IMWCA/ICAP premium increases. It was discussed to request FY22 amendment numbers be presented by April 1, 2022.

Audubon County Public Health Director Jotham Arber reported they will be advertising for the hiring of a social work and also a part-time nurse. Grants have been submitted for IT equipment

consisting of telephones, computers and teleconference equipment for the new office at ACMH. They will be taking some file cabinets, copier, etc from the Courthouse. He displayed how the Perk tests and permits will be displayed on the Beacon plotting system. Also stated will be having an upcoming radon campaign with free kits available. Discussed current COVID statistics and vaccinations.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Audubon County Auditor Clerk