

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

October 11, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9 a.m. on October 11, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Benjamin Linde, Ed Wiederstein, Todd Johnson, Tyler Thygesen, Mitch Rydl, Kent Grabill, Chad Gappa of Motorola, Jon Markres of Unplugged Wireless, Tim Wahlert, Colby Madsen. Barb Jacobsen, Bruce Christensen, Dave Witt, Cass Muzney. Gary VanAernam ABSENT.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Board will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2022 to discuss ambulance agreement with City of Panora. Benjamin Linde, new IT Director joined meeting and said he would be making list of projects and equipment needed. Sorensen discussed the server to be placed in Secondary Road office. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Recorder's monthly report of fees. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Sheriff's first quarter report. Vote-all in favor. Ed Wiederstein representing the Historical Society thanked the Supervisors for the increased allocation and told of current and future projects they have been doing and praised the many volunteers. Board agreed they would keep their allocation at \$15,000. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept and file MMP updates for: Berg Sow #58065, Hatters LLC #60813, Greenflash II #60791, Moonlight-Sunburst Valley Farms LLC #64179. Vote-all in favor.

Chad Gappa representing Motorola presented pricing summary for equipment and installation of a new E911 tower. He stated this price quote of \$2,935,483.00 would be good until December 6, 2022. This would include free standing 250' tower, shelter, microwave equipment, radios, etc. This also would include one year maintenance. He also explained yearly maintenance services and costs. Discussion was held on bonding or internal financing of this project. Barb Jacobsen asked what the Board's plan was for this project and wonders if they are just stalling. Thompson stated this is a huge expense for the County and we are concerned about doing it properly.

Chairman Sorensen stated the county needs to visit with landowner and secure the property for tower before more can be done. EMA-E911 Tyler Thygesen will contact landowner for time and date of meeting with Board. Jacobsen asked for anticipated timeline and Gappa stated construction wouldn't probably begin until Spring. County Engineer Rydl reminded all in attendance they would need permits for this project. Thygesen also stated they would be needing new mobile units and also hand-held radios. He reviewed the coverage of Exira and Audubon firemen's radios during a recent Audubon home fire. The Board stated they want better mobile and in-building coverage in the county as safety is a main concern. This will be addressed again at the October 18th meeting and Sorensen will be visiting with the bond consultants.

After discussion Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to sign and submit the 2023 County Weed Commissioner Certification Form. Vote-all in favor. Grabill relayed all activities of the Roadside Department and various chemicals he uses on weeds, etc. He states for the most part farmers are taking care of their own ditches. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to reappoint Kent Grabill as Audubon County Weed Commissioner for FY23. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on the clean-up of Nishnabotna (Bowman) Pond area. Grabill stated Conservation has transferred this area over to the Roadside Department but many questions arose with the City well, liability issues, fencing, and signage. Grabill stated he had been contacted about using area for pheasant and deer hunting, ATV and kayak use. Engineer Rydl spent time reading deed to property and further review will be done. Supervisors were encouraged to visit the area.

Engineer Rydl reviewed ongoing and current bridge and road projects. Stated having some issues with the hauling of equipment to the south wind turbine area. After discussion of issues with Windstream Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to suspend the issuance of utility permits to Windstream Company until they have completed work deficiencies to existing projects and meeting Engineer's satisfaction. Vote-all in favor.

Discussion was held on salary and duties for Linda Bills who has accepted an additional position of Department of Transportation Title VI coordinator. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2022-63 (salary increase for Linda Bills). Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-63

WHEREAS, Audubon County Board of Supervisors is required to appoint a Department of Transportation Title VI Coordinator,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Linda Bills be appointed Department of Transportation Title VI Coordinator for Audubon County and as such shall receive a \$1/hour increase to her full-time hourly pay rate.

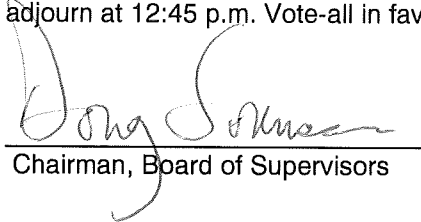
Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 11th day of October, 2022

Doug Sorensen
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Audubon County Iowa

ATTEST: By: Becky Marten
Audubon County Deputy Auditor

Rydl stated Bills will be having an upcoming employee review and discussed potential for additional 6 month raise. Bills is also interested in assisting with planning and zoning. Pavement markings are done and markings will not be put on the Audubon East Division project until next year. Rydl discussed other maintenance and construction activities and discussed Eastside Drive in Exira. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve deletion #93 belly dump trailer. Vote-all in favor.

After review Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept Auditor's month-end reconciliation reports for September. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to set November 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. for budget amendment hearing. Vote-all in favor. a. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Audubon County Auditor