

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

November 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Present: Gary VanAernam and Todd Nelsen. Others present were Lisa Frederiksen, Joni Hansen, Becky Marten, Dennis Carter, Ed Wiederstein, Deb Campbell, Janell Bluml, Lexi Christensen and Mitch Rydl. Via Zoom – Robert Nelson, Kim Johnson and Chris Hemmingsen. Via telephone: Nate Rogers and Bob Josten.

Motion-Van Aernam Second-Nelsen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. No custodial update.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020. Vote-all in favor.

Dennis Carter and Ed Wiederstein updated the Board regarding the Historical Society and work that had been completed at Nathaniel Hamlin Park. The house is nearly completed and the electrical needs some updating. Work needs to be done on the schoolhouse, exhibits and the historical building in Exira. They stated that most of their income comes from donations. They are requesting in the next budget year a one-time request of \$15,000.00 due to loss of income due to the cancellation of festivals due to COVID.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020, special meeting. Vote-all in favor.

The Board called Nate Rogers of IP Pathways regarding the IT position previously held by Chris Erlandson. Rogers stated that they were hoping to have someone to replace Erlandson by the afternoon.

Robert Nelson stated that he hoped all departments had a contingency plan ready if staff was out due to COVID.

The Department Head meeting was held and contingency plans were discussed, whether or not a mask mandate could be put in place and how it would be enforced. Deb Campbell stated that some Treasurer's offices have closed for two weeks and Kim Johnson stated that the Clerk's office was required to wear masks or they could be discharged. Rydl stated that his department has to deal with the union. It was suggested that Rene Von Bokern be contacted and will talk more next week.

Board of Supervisor update: WESCO meeting. Upcoming DCAT, Partnership for Families, Landfill, Region XII and ACED. Discussed the website domain regarding ACED.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve/disapprove Family Farm Applications. Vote-all in favor.

Deb Campbell and Lexi Christensen discussed the abatement of taxes for a parcel in Exira. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the abatement of taxes on parcel #051104009014. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the State Court Administration plan to upgrade courtroom digital audio video system. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to accept and file the Clerk of Court's October Report of Fees. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to accept and file the Auditor's October month-end reports. Vote-all in favor. Board discussed and reviewed month-end reports received from the Auditor Office.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve a utility permit for MidAmerican. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the Falcon Avenue Survey Proposal. Vote-all in favor. Lisa Frederiksen stated that Bob Josten had called her and discussed a proposed ordinance for the URA. The Board placed a call to Bob Josten and discussed options for the ordinance. Maintenance/construction update: nearing completion of the guardrail project, the closure of the Audubon 10 bridge, hauling rock from Fort Dodge, wearing masks, staggering hours and meetings with JEO.


Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to set a special meeting for November 23 at 9:00 a.m. to approve a Resolution appointing the County Attorney. Vote-all in favor.

The Chairman recessed the meeting until 2:00 p.m. The Board reconvened as the Board of Canvassers at 2:00 p.m. The Board, along with Auditor Clerk Becky Marten, canvassed the election returns from the various election precincts for the regular General Election held in Audubon County on November 3, 2020. There were no provisional ballots. At the conclusion of the election canvass, the Board instructed the County Auditor to forward the Abstract of Votes and Election Canvass Summary for the Offices of United States President/Vice President, United States Senator, U.S. Representatives-District 4, State Senator – District 06, State Representative District 12, Judges of the Supreme Court, Judges-Court of Appeals, Judges of District 4 Court, District 4 Associate Judges accordingly.

Other winners included Audubon County Supervisors - Doug Sorensen and Rick Thompson; Audubon County Auditor - Lisa Frederiksen; Audubon County Sheriff - Todd Johnson; Audubon Township Trustee –

Gale VanAernam and Boyd Schlater; Cameron Township Trustee – Howard Weilt and Bradley Klocke; Douglas Township Trustee – Rod Hansen and Keith Grabill; Douglas Township Trustee vacancy - Rich Zinke; Douglas Township Clerk - Samuel Grabill; Exira Township Trustee – Robert C Hansen and David Schlater; Greeley Township Trustee – David Jensen and Tom Christofferson; Hamlin Township Trustee – Ron Mullenger and John Osvald; Leroy Township Trustee – Ivan Andersen and Mark McLaughlin; Lincoln Township Trustee – Dennis Grimm and Stan Baack; Melville Township Trustee – Grant Klever and Duane Sloth; Oakfield Township Trustee – Dwayne Bornholdt and Jay Nelson; Sharon Township Trustee – Todd Larsen and Dean Petersen; Sharon Township Clerk - Kurt Johnson; Viola Township Trustee – Louis Schultes and Larry Anthofer; Audubon County Public Hospital Trustees – Brett Irlmeier and Michelle Sprague; Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners – Steven Brinkman, Russell Bruhn and Paul Campbell and County Agricultural Extension Council – Lexi Christensen, Hollie Rudy, Sandra Irlmeier and Bryan J Svoboda.

There being no further business, Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

  
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Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest:   
Audubon County Auditor