

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

December 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Gary VanAernam, Doug Sorensen, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Bruce Haag, Kent Grabill, Todd Johnson, Chris Hemmingsen, Mitch Rydl, Deb Campbell, John Hansen, Chris Swensen and Joe Hurla representing RO Energy.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of December 6, 2021 and December 7, 2021 meetings. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to accept/file Recorder's report of fees. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to accept/file Clerk of Court's fees collected for November 2021. Vote-all in favor.

Department Head meeting was held. Discussion was held on when budget requests were needed and department heads asked Supervisors about what they should use for wages. It was discussed that the unions have not met and possibly won't until January. Also the Compensation Board has not met and elected officials were encouraged to contact their Compensation Board representative to get a meeting set up soon. Chris Hemmingsen had attended the Wellness meeting representing the County and spoke on findings. There are programs/incentives available to employees which many are not aware of such as free identity theft coverage etc. One thing they strongly encouraged is that employees get their physicals earlier in year. She explained the wellness assessment/physicals/pillars, etc. Group Benefits personnel will be attending the December 21st Board meeting and explain things further.

Attorney Swensen explained the recess exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9. He read the administrative code and also the employment conditions to be discussed. This exempt session only applies to those not covered by collective bargaining.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to open Public Hearing on Public Ordinance for Audubon County voting precincts at 10 a.m. Vote-all in favor. No written or oral objections stated. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to waive waiting periods and approve 2nd reading. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to waive waiting period and approve 3rd reading. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve Public Ordinance 2021-01. Vote-all in favor.

**Ordinance 2021-01
VOTING PRECINCTS**

61.01 Purpose

61.02 Division of Precincts

61.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to re-precinct the County in this year following the Federal Decennial Census as required by Section 49.7 of the *Code of Iowa*.

61.02 DIVISION OF PRECINCTS. The County is divided into two precincts. The name of the precincts, precinct population, and legal descriptions are described as follows:

AUDUBON PRECINCT – Shall consist of Viola (139), Cameron (92), Lincoln (220), Douglas (187), Leroy (296), and Melville (111) Townships and the Incorporated Cities of Audubon (2053) and Gray (61); and,

EXIRA PRECINCT – Shall consist of Sharon (291), Hamlin (264), Greeley (156), Oakfield (140), Exira (342), and Audubon (185) Townships and the Incorporated Cities of Kimballton (207), Brayton (143), and Exira (787).

61.03 REPEALER CLAUSE. All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

61.04 WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect on January 15, 2022, after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa on December 14, 2021.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve the fixed asset policy with the change of all other assets whose purchase price is \$5000.00 or greater will be included on the fixed asset list. Those assets priced \$500.00-\$4999.99 will be included on the inventory list. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl and Office Manager Hemmingsen opened the lone fuel bid for Secondary Roads Department. The bid was from Agriland FS and telephone call was made to Loren at Agriland and Board waiting on return call to answer some questions concerning the bid. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson

to table the bid letting until December 21, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held and Hemmingsen reported on the age of the fuel tanks being used by Secondary Roads. Rydl stated new fuel tanks would be needed in the future. Rydl reported that all turbines are now assembled and up but won't be generated until Spring 2022. HLDII update and punch list discussed. Much discussion on the rock being stored in the laydown yards and future use either by HLDII or the County. Bridge projects were discussed and LE20 will be closed starting tomorrow. Road vacations, bridge inspections, surveying and budget work being done.

Joseph Hurla of ROI Energy firm which partners with MidAmerican Energy introduced a new incentive program that seeks to expedite the adoption of LED lighting among owners of small-to-mid sized facilities in their service territory. He discussed LED lighting upgrades available and he toured the Courthouse and found some outside lights which possibly would qualify. He will submit proposal. He also visited with Engineer Rydl and will visit their facilities and submit proposals.

Board will meet on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 9 a.m. to start working on their budget. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 11:35 p.m.

/s/ Rich Thomas
Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: Becky Martin, Clerk
Audubon County Auditor Clerk