

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

December 28, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Gary VanAernam, Doug Sorensen, Becky Marten, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Jotham Arber, and representing ACED Board: Laurie Gilbert, Lyle Hansen, Brett Irlmeier, Dr Steve Schmitz and Jonnie Meislahn.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve agenda with addition of Audubon Librarian Gail Richardson. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of December 21, 2021.

Members of the ACED Board joined the meeting and Laurie Gilbert discussed economic development's requests for the use of the funds which will be received in January from the sale of the Valley Business Park. Gilbert presented a list of their ideas for use of the funding: economic development, housing, tourism and blight properties. Presently there is a grant available for second story main street refurbishment. This grant would be available for use both in Exira and Audubon. Board gave verbal approval to proceed with this grant application. Other ideas were discussed and these funds will be used county-wide. Gilbert explained that they had a builder on hold and have property available for building development. Schmitz also said the Rec Center would like to be considered for funding with their new addition project. Supervisor Sorensen stated this money is to be used for county-wide economic development and they are asking the ACED Board to present their projects for approval.

Board reviewed the GO bond closing certificate and also the GO bond bid. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to sign the GO Bond closing certificate. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to sign the winning Northland Security GO Bond papers. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to accept/file MMP annual update from Jason Christensen Farm #57978. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to accept/file MMP annual update from CHMD Pork Inc #60619. Vote-all in favor.

Audubon Librarian Gail Richardson presented the Board the 2021 Audubon library overview. She reviewed passports, circulation figures, programs used and available, etc. Passport costs are increasing and she demonstrated and reviewed the library's new website. Also explained various programs available. She reviewed her budget and requested an additional \$600 in their yearly allocation. No promises made.

Attorney Swensen discussed the General Relief ordinance and suggested limits be made to allow for flexibility. Board reminded him of meeting following day to further discuss ordinances.

County Engineer Rydl discussed setting up meeting with supervisors and land owners involved in the Falcon Ave project. Several dates were given for consideration and he will contact land owners. Engineer and staff had met with EMA and Sheriff personnel to discuss how things were handled and what improvements could have been made during the recent wind storm. Radio contact between departments was a big concern. Also a map of damage would be helpful along with possible more road closing signs.

Rydl discussed multiple bridge projects and presented the Board with different graphs of activity of the bridge crews and other departments. Have gotten seal coat projects quotes and also getting quotes for crushing concrete. They will be proceeding with the RO Energy light project.

Audubon and Guthrie County Public Health Director presented the 28E agreement. Attorney Swensen joined the meeting and had reviewed the revised 28E agreement. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to sign the 28E agreement with Guthrie County through June 30, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Arber will return signed agreement after all signatures received. He reported on present Covid happenings in the County and preventative measures to be taken by all citizens.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 11:55 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

*/s/ Rick Thompson*  
Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: */s/ Becky Marten, Clerk*  
Audubon County Auditor