

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

February 15, 2022

The regular Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on February 15, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others attending were Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Jamie Miller, Chris Swensen, Todd Johnson, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Ashley Madsen, Tyler Thygesen, Deb Umland, Deb Campbell, Tiffany Henkle, John Hansen, Tanner Clark, Mike Jensen, Barb Jacobsen, Penny Schmidt, Coby Gust, Chad of Motorola, John of Unplugged Wireless and Kai Johnson of Aureon. Gary VanAernam ABSENT

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor.

Sheriff Johnson introduced Motorola and Unplugged Wireless representatives and members of the E911 Board in attendance and gave a brief ISICS presentation and discussed radios and equipment currently available and the possible needs in the future to provide protection coverage for the county. The representatives further discussed the need for two new towers, one to replace current one in Audubon and a new tower to be placed at the Exira county shed site, costs, etc. Many questions were asked about the towers, placements, other enhancements. City Policeman Gust stated currently law enforcement and fire department personnel have trouble communicating with the command center due to poor reception. The new tower and equipment would not only provide better coverage for the county but would provide in-building coverage. The Motorola contract for \$4.1 million would include two new towers with shelters, microwave, generators, etc and VHF paging. Discussion was held on funding for this project and no decision was made at this time although Chad of Motorola stressed the proposal presented today is only good until April of 2022 due to increasing costs.

Kai Johnson representing Aureon Communications stated presently there are two issues with the telephone system and one being equipment costs that can't be divided and this would be the responsibility of Board of Supervisors and the other being the splitting of long distance fees. Each department could be issued a long distance bundle or one bundle total could be issued. Todd Johnson stated he and other department heads have concerns about the increased costs being presented and that nothing has been done towards this project for some time. Aureon was to meet with all departments but all questions and visits were not done. Supervisors and other departments did not meet with him.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2022-14. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2022-14

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Cassie Jacobsen be hired as a Full-Time Dispatcher/Jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff's Office effective February 15, 2022. This position will follow the union contract. Her wage will remain at \$16.85 based on experience and then follow the union contract for pay increases as set.

Dated at Audubon this 15th day of February, 2022 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Sorensen, Thompson

Nays: None – VanAernam Absent

/s/ Doug Sorensen, Chairman

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/s/ Becky Marten, Deputy

Audubon County Auditor

Sheriff Johnson stated that the record management system is coming to end-of-life and now are using CAD system. Will be adding laptops which will be intertwined with all city and county departments. Motion Thompson-Second Sorensen to approve the addition of 5 users to the Sophos license. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve minutes of February 8, 2022 and February 9, 2022 after changes made. Vote-all in favor.

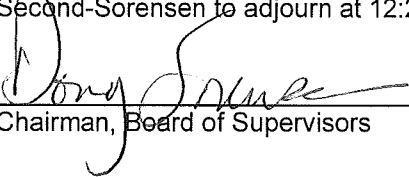
Engineer Rydl discussed employees doing bridge work, driving pilings, cutting trees and also discussed bridge closing. Rydl discussed upcoming meetings and changes being made to the Puck project with changes in plans and costs.

Supervisor Sorensen made telephone call to Suzanne Gerlach concerning bonding needs and whether any existing bonds have any leverage. She stated there appears to be some left on the Eclipse bond and fall would be a good time to go to market. She will present options by the February 22nd meeting.

Jotham Arber of Audubon-Guthrie County Public Health reviewed various Covid statistics and services being provided by Public Health in Audubon County. They are working to expand the HOPES program for families. They will be providing Covid tests for the jail area and also have secured a grant to provide an air purifier system for the jail area. They are hiring a social worker who will work out of the hospital. The Public Health Department will soon be moving to their new office space in the hospital. Discussed upcoming clinics for both Courthouse employees and the public. Reviewed environmental health statistics and new Beacon system.

County Attorney Swensen discussed his thoughts to the Supervisors on moving his present office space to the two rooms vacated by the Public Health Department. Ideally, he says this would join them with the victim witness room and provide more privacy. No action taken by Supervisors. EMA Director Tyler Thygesen presented information concerning ambulance service and asked to be placed on the next agenda. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve non-insured employees to receive wellness credit for up to two pillars completed. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam 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 \$545,928.44. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Vote-all in favor.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors



Audubon County Deputy Auditor