

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

February 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others attending were Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Deb Campbell, Mike Jensen, Chris Swensen, Todd Johnson, Mitch Rydl, Jamie Miller, Bruce Haag, Peggy Smalley. Gary VanAernam Absent.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the agenda with addition of discussion on proposed property tax levy. Vote-all in favor. Discussion held with Auditor Frederiksen on adjusting the proposed property tax levy due to increased costs in the Secondary Road department. Auditor will make adjustments to the percentages and this and along with public notice publication and public hearing date to be addressed at Board meeting to be held February 23, 2022.

Lou Herbers gave an airport update and presented Board with financial findings and also thanked the County for their monetary assistance. He discussed the recent change in the helicopter service. Unity Point LifeFlight is now providing service to the area and they are also leasing the hanger and house at the airport. He discussed the mowing and snow removal. He feels the county is greatly benefiting by the airport facility. Discussion was also held on the current board configuration. He is currently trying to obtain the original airport authority organization papers and would like to make it a 3-member board. Current Board members are Lou Herbers, Michelle Sprague, Sara Slater and Chad Heuss with several vacancies.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the Board minutes of February 14, February 15 and February 18, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the corrected Clerk of Court's December 2021 fees collected. Vote-all in favor.

Sheriff Johnson presented a quote for a 2022 Tahoe with trade-in of 2016 Tahoe. They received only one quote. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept the quote of \$17,934 for purchase of 2022 Tahoe from Christiansen Motors with trade-in. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to appoint Rick Thompson and Dennis Olesen to Board of Health for 3 year terms ending 12-31-2025. Vote-all in favor. EMA interim director Mike Jensen discussed being on Audubon County Compensation Commission and denied this position. Board will continue to seek people for this commission.

Attorney Swensen explained the collections coming back to county. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2022-15 (County Attorney recovery fund setup). Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-15

WHEREAS, Audubon County attorney office will now be eligible for receiving a portion of court fees collected in accordance with Iowa Code 602.8107,

WHEREAS, the Department of Management has a special General sub-fund set up for this purpose and Audubon County wishes to follow these guidelines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that this new sub-fund of General Basic will be set up accordingly and titled "County Attorney Recovery". The Auditor and Treasurer offices are directed to create this fund accordingly.

Passed on this 22nd day of February, 2022, with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Sorensen, Thompson

NAYS: none

/s/ Doug Sorensen

ATTEST: /s/ Becky Marten, Deputy

Chairperson, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Audubon County Auditor

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to freeze the Supervisor's FY23 wages at the FY22 salary amount and passed the following resolution accordingly. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-16

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Compensation Board met on January 6, 2022 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Supervisors	\$ 31,430.55	5%	\$ 33,002.00
Supervisor-Chair	plus 900 stipend	additional \$50	total \$ 950 stipend

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary adjustments for the Audubon County Supervisors for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Supervisors	\$ 31,430.55	0%

Supervisor-Chair \$ 900.00 \$0

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2022

AYES: Sorensen-Thompson NAYS: None

AUDUBON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

/s/ Doug Sorensen

/s/ Becky Marten

Audubon Co. Supervisor, Chairperson

Audubon County Deputy Auditor

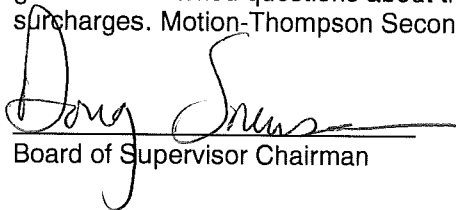
County Engineer Mitch Rydl discussed increased rock prices and various options. Crews are doing bridge work, cutting trees, etc. He also discussed recent and upcoming meetings. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve utility permit for MidAmerican for 140th and Falcon. Vote-all in favor. Reminded Board of meeting tomorrow concerning the Falcon Road project.

Conservation Director Haag along with board member Peggy Smalley reviewed their budget and discussed the cabin project. Cabins are currently being constructed off site and waiting on appliances. Smalley stated they factored in a 6% raise for Haag and 5% for other employees. Camping revenue was discussed and that the cabins will be additional revenue. Haag has budgeted for a new tractor and also will be needing a new pickup and mowers. Stated the new building will help protect their equipment and staff will be able to work on repairs during all seasons. Conservation Department currently advertising for park ranger/naturalist.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to and go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(k) at 1:05 p.m. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to come out of closed session at 1:30 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

Thompson stated at the Board of Health meeting they were given a tour of the hospital and the new Public Health space. He had also attended Region XII meeting. Sorensen discussed the shortage of housing in the county and that ACED is working aggressively on acquiring builders and land. Telephone call to Suzanne Gerlach on TIF bonding with no answer.

County Attorney Swensen reviewed his budget. He stated he would still like to purchase a therapy dog through the victim witness grant. Stated several counties have dropped this victim witness grant. Board asked questions about the grant and Swensen stated monies come from fines and surcharges. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Board of Supervisor Chairman


Audubon County Deputy Auditor