

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

February 23, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Doug Sorensen, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Luke Wolkem, John Hansen, Troy Hofmockel, Mitch Rydl, Phil Mennenoh, Miranda Bills, Courtney Nelson, Deb Campbell and Diana Munch.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve the agenda with addition of discussion on current payroll Covid sick leave policy. Vote-all in favor.

John Hansen gave Custodial update and introduced Luke Wolkem who had done the radon inspection. Discussion on Courthouse inspection which he had done and suggested doing litigation system for unsafe level areas in basement. He will prepare a quote/proposal to present to Supervisors. John Hansen also discussed replacing water line and potentially a line to boiler.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of February 16, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve minutes of February 19, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

The Aureon bill was reviewed—still waiting on information from court system to determine percentage to assign that area. Rick Thompson will contact Rob Griffith after the meeting regarding the payment holdup.

No Supervisor update.

Troy Hofmockel gave IT update and plans for PC workstation setup in Board room for Zoom meeting purposes. Mitch stated he needs some more workstation monitors ordered. Discussion on monitor size. Auditor requested the need to Troy for larger monitors to be ordered for her office. Discussed disconnection of Windstream on February 22 evening; SCI wiring walkthrough set for tomorrow. Troy asked a supervisor to attend the walkthrough. Rick invited Phil to join as well. Troy also discussed setting up two access points on main floor for internet access.

Auditor Clerk Becky Marten reviewed sick Covid leave on current timesheets with Board and Engineer.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to open Public Hearing for FY21 amendment at 10:00 a.m. Vote-all in favor. No written/oral comments received. Board will take action on amendment after the FY22 sheriff budget review in the afternoon. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Vote-all in favor.

Board met with Engineer for Secondary Roads update. Rydl stated potential new-hire did request 4 weeks of vacation if hired. Motion-Doug Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve resolution for hiring of full-time "assistant to engineer" as follows Vote-all in favor. Will not be able to start until receive all screening/physical results.

**RESOLUTION 2021-2**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that George Parris be hired as Assistant to the Engineer with over 25 years' experience for the Audubon County Secondary Roads Department effective February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Annual salary will be \$75,000 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employee, Local Union #2003 with vacation starting at 20 plus years. Insurance coverage shall begin April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairman

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

Attest: Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Board recessed at 12:24 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.


Sheriff Johnson and Tiffany Henkle met with Supervisors to review a line-item review of their budget from 1:00 to 3:06 p.m. Doug thanked the sheriff for his work and stated he wanted to make sure his department has everything needed to run a successful office.

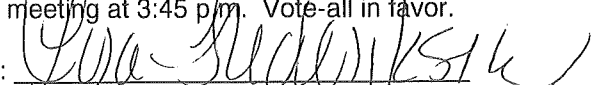
Auditor informed Board of Clerk of Court's concerns on telephone equipment. Miranda Bills joined meeting regarding her telephone equipment concerns with Aureon as well.

A number of employees came to board with concerns on not following the courthouse/union handbook for vacation benefits on new hire. All should know their job duties/benefits when they take on a new job; Handbook does not allow for negotiation of benefits for at-will employees; concerns on board/elected officials reviewing their code duties before taking their elected positions; elected officials/department heads previously have had to follow handbook/code requirements in hiring.

Auditor will make changes to FY 22 budget status as discussed earlier and have ready for Thursday meeting and cautioned board on keeping an eye on calendar/deadlines for the two required hearings for such. FY 21 budget amendment was never addressed at this meeting. Will be on March 2, 2021 agenda.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

  
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Chairman Board of Supervisors

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Audubon County Auditor