

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

November 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor's was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Gary VanAernam. Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Todd Johnson, Miranda Bills, Deb Umland, Kent Grabill, John Hansen, Mike Jensen, Mitch Rydl and Barb Jacobsen. Supervisor Doug Sorensen came at 1 p.m. for city/school election audit. Tanner Clark and Chris Hemmingsen joined by Zoom.

Motion-Van Aernam Second-Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Thompson made telephone call to HR Renee VonBokern on whether it was necessary to have more than one supervisor at union negotiations this afternoon. She replied since it was only a preliminary meeting it would be okay for only one supervisor to be present.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve/disapprove and sign family farm applications submitted by the Assessor's office. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept/file Recorder's October report of fees collected. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept/file Clerk of Court's October report of fees collected. Vote-all in favor. After review motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept/file Auditor's month-end reports. Vote-all in favor.

Sheriff Todd Johnson presented resolution for hiring of deputy. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2021-43.

Resolution 2021-43

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Gabriel Christensen be hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff for Audubon County effective November 9, 2021. His salary will start at 70% of the Sheriff's salary. This position will follow the union contract.

Dated at Audubon this 9th day of November, 2021, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Thompson. VanAernam

Nays: Sorensen Absent

/s/ Rick Thompson

/s/ Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Attest

Johnson also urged the Supervisors to decide/take action on whether giving their approval on the hiring of a new E911/EMA Director as a full-time or part-time position. The sooner this is done the sooner the hiring process can begin. Thompson stated this will be put on next week's agenda.

Department head meeting was held and discussion was given on the wiring project and Aureon phone system. John Hansen stated wiring project is basically done except for few minor things and the trays were a nice fix. Sheriff stated his wiring project for the new E911 system will begin again. Recorder Bills stated the county did not meet the requirement to receive deduction in insurance rates and discussion will be held on incentives for completing wellness programs. The proposed schedule for the HVAC system was distributed to those attending. Thompson had received call from Aureon and he tried to place return call and left message. A meeting with the Aureon people will be forthcoming and it was requested that DP specialist Tanner Clark also attend.

Audubon City Mayor Barb Jacobsen met with the Board and discussed housing issues in the county. She related a contractor who has built homes in Greene County is considering doing the same in the City of Audubon. Greene County had provided some funding to their Economic Development group which then funded to the contractor and Jacobsen was wondering if this was a possibility in Audubon County. Thompson stated there possibly would be some funds from the sale of the Valley Business Park and also wondered if Region XII was a possibility. Board agreed that housing is a priority at this time. Jacobsen also expressed to the Board the need for a full-time EMA/E911 Director. Zoning Director Chris Hemmingsen joined by Zoom and stated they are working on rewriting the zoning policies.

County Engineer Rydl discussed damage to bridge at 280th and Swift which had been reported but not by responsible party. Bridge will be closed at the present time due to safety concerns. Rydl stated he feels more needs to be done to make the public aware they are responsible for reporting incidents so problems can be resolved. HDL11 incident was discussed and Rydl is not happy with road repairs that

are being done putting roads back to pre-turbines. Crews are working on bridges and Rydl discussed numerous bridge projects.

Board discussed the ordinance recodification review and telephone call was made to Simmering-Corey and they stated they had sent ordinances for review in August. Thompson will check with Attorney Swensen on the ordinances.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to recess at 11:20 a.m. until canvass of city/school election results at 12:30 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

Board reconvened at 1 p.m. with Thompson and Supervisor Doug Sorensen and Auditor Clerk Becky Marten. The Audubon County City/School election results were canvassed from Precinct #1 (N ½ Audubon County) and Precinct #2 (S ½ Audubon County). This included cities of Audubon, Brayton, Exira, Gray and Kimballton and schools in Audubon County. There was one rejected provisional ballot from Precinct 2. At the conclusion of the election canvass, the Board instructed the County Auditor to forward the Abstract of Votes and Election Canvass Summary for the offices of Mayor and City Council Members to appropriate cities. Also results from various schools for School Board members and results of bond issues to various school districts from voters of Audubon County. Appropriate papers will also be filed with the State of Iowa. Thompson and Sorensen then signed appropriate documents. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to adjourn at 2 p.m. Vote all in favor.

Thompson was going to Secondary Roads to meet with Sheriff and County Engineer to discuss union negotiations.

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

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