

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

March 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Doug Sorensen, Gary VanAernam at 9 a.m., Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, John Hansen, Troy Hofmockel, Andy of Camblin Plbg, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Jamie Miller, Bruce Haag, Melissa of Dixon Construction, Duane of Murphy Heavy Contracting, Dan Sturm of JEO, Logan of AM Cohran & Son and Ben of Aureon and Bob Josten via telephone.

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

Custodian Hansen reported Luke Wolkem will do some radon drilling on March 20th. The Court system is currently putting new cameras and screens for Zoom viewing in the Court Room.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve minutes of March 9, 2021. Vote all in favor.

Andy of Camblin Plumbing discussed new heating/air conditioning systems, rebates and grants for the Courthouse. He suggested the VRF system. Tour of CH done.

TC from Ben of Aueron and they would like to set up a meeting with all Department heads in the near future. He will get back to the Board with a date and time. Board stated they are done talking about vacation policies and that the 3% wage increase for FY22 is final.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to open the Public Hearing at 10 a.m. for the FY22 maximum levy notice. Vote-all in favor. Engineer wanted to go on record stating his granular and equipment had been decreased by 60,000/30,000 respectively; Sorensen went on record to respond that these cutbacks would be likely more than made up with unbudgeted COVID/Cares funding yet to be coming into the road system funds. No other comments for or against. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to close Public Hearing at 10:06 am. Vote all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2021-8 Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO 2021-8

APPROVAL OF FY22 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 16, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Service for FY22 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services --- \$2,876,820: a decrease of .47% from FY21 request

Rural County Services --- \$2,405,161: an increase of 2.92% from FY21 request

Ayes: Thompson, VanAernam, Sorensen

Nays: None

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.

By: /s/ Rick Thompson

Rick Thompson, Chairman
Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Lisa Frederiksen, Auditor

Audubon County Auditor

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve proposed FY22 budget notice for publication in newspaper. Vote all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to set March 30, 2021 for FY22 budget hearing at 10 a.m. Vote all in favor.

At 10:30 a.m. Dan Sturm of JEO opened the bids for GR3 and LE20 bridge replacement projects. Melissa of Dixon Construction, Duane of Murphy Heavy Contracting and Logan of AM Cohran & Son were also present. Bids were opened and costs recorded. JEO will proceed to check all figures and get back to Engineer Rydl.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2021-6. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2021-6

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Dusty Riesgaard have his position changed to Grade 5 Classification, Crew Leader, 3 years for the Audubon County Secondary Roads Department effective March-16th, 2021. Hourly wage will be \$21.92 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local Union #2003. All benefits will continue as original hiring resolution.

Passed and approved this 16th day of March 2021

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Rick Thompson

Attest: /s/ Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Engineer Rydl presented Secondary Road report.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, the Emergency Management Director, E-911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$205,049.28. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve and sign letter for 2020 audit extension request. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve Resolution 2021-7. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2021-7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective March 23, 2021-- pending passage of pre-employment screening, Chassity Musfeldt be employed as part-time Auditor Clerk at \$16/hour. Probationary wage increases will potentially change at Auditor's discretion at the 3-month, 6-month and 1st anniversary dates. Annual July 1st raises will also be effective at the approved compensation board percentage. Benefits will follow the Audubon County Handbook for half-time qualification. Hours will average a minimum of 24 hours but below the 30-hour per week part-time limit set by Handbook.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 16th day of March 2021.

/s/ Rick Thompson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County, Iowa

ATTEST

By: /s/ Becky Marten, Auditor Clerk

Audubon County Auditor

Attorney Chris Swensen joined the meeting and he will look over the IP Pathways amendment and report back. He also discussed the request by the Airport Authority Board to restructure their number of members. He said it was a conflict of interest for him to take part in this discussion. Sorensen stated he had talked to Lou Herbers and Herbers was going to contact Guthrie County.

Discussion was held on the AFR/Urban Renewal stipend with County Attorney. Discussion on this being a one-time action by board and would then be subject to the compensation board if continued in FY23. County Attorney expressed that the stipend duties of the Auditor are not listed as code-required duties of the office. Comparisons made with other financial administrators/accountants along with the cost of having outside entity preparation being more costly. Estimate of 1 hour/day at minimum of \$35 hour(\$9100 annual) being as a possible starting mark to evaluate. Sorensen also stated wanting stipend to be retroactive and cover FY21 and FY22 until compensation board meets again. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve AFR/UR annual stipend of \$5000 be given to Lisa Frederiksen for her assistance in completing those tasks. Vote-all in favor.

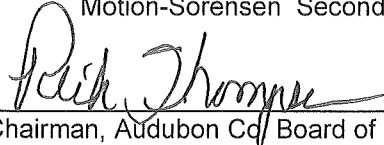
Meeting recessed at 1:15 p.m.

Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m. and conference call made to Bob Josten with Bruce Haag and Mitch Rydl also present. Potential conservation projects were added to the list for an upcoming Urban Renewal Amendment process: 7 cabins, 3 storm shelters, lake area hiking/biking trail and verification of the park road and bike trail already being listed in the current plan. Courthouse building projects were

also discussed and the usage of other non-TIF funding. Amendment will need to be in place before expenditure made.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve IP Pathways adaptive IT amendment. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to adjourn meeting at 3:18 p.m.



Chairman, Audubon Co Board of Supervisors

Attest: 

Audubon County Auditor Clerk