

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

March 29, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on March 29, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Rick Thompson, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Deb Umland, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Jamie Miller, Tyler Thygesen, Dr Steve Schmitz, Roger Nelson.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve agenda with discussion of New Opportunities substance abuse prevention grant questions. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve, sign and return letter to State Auditor Rob Sand for extension of FY21 audit. Vote-all in favor. Thompson questioned whether there would be additional fees for this extension and Auditor Frederiksen stated not that she was aware of. Thompson questioned whether hiring private auditing firm would be feasible and Frederiksen said the state is more aware of county situations than a private firm would be. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and set June 14, 2022 at 1 p.m. to canvass Primary election results. Vote-all in favor. Motion -Thompson Second-VanAernam to accept/file MMP update for Greenflash Re, LLC (Jorgensen site) #64571. Vote-all in favor.

Attorney Swensen, Assessor Umland and Auditor Frederiksen joined the meeting and Swensen stated he didn't think closed session was necessary to discuss the tax abatement proposal. Much discussion was held on the proposal which Chairman Sorensen had presented and restrictions being sanctioned by state laws. Dr Steve Schmitz was present and is requesting tax abatement for an upcoming project. Swensen will draw up a resolution but Schmitz was assured that it is the intent of the County to allow property tax abatement for their project.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to open budget hearing at 10 a.m. Vote-all in favor. No written or oral objections received. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to close public hearing at 10:15 a.m. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2022-22 adopting budget and certifying taxes for FYE June 30, 2023. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO 2022-23
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET AND CERTIFYING TAXES
FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2023**

WHEREAS, Audubon County has published a proposed FY23 Budget Estimate in the March 11, 2022 Audubon County Advocate Journal and conducted the budget hearing on March 29, 2022; and **WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors took any comments from the public regarding such proposed budget at the March 29th public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed budget and discussed any possible adjustments to lower expenditures or levy rates

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that in compliance with Iowa Code Section 331.434 (5) the FY23 Audubon County Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes is hereby approved and adopted at the March 29, 2022 budget hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Basic Fund Balance be assigned for the following purposes:

\$ 60,000 as the estimated ending balance in reserved sheriff revenues to be used in compliance with Iowa Code 356.7 (5)

Dated this 29th day of March, 2022

By: /s/Doug Sorensen
Doug Sorensen, Chairman
Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Becky Marten, Deputy
Audubon County Auditor

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2022-24 compensation board recommendations. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-24

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 Adjusted Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase Plus Additional</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Attorney	\$ 92,586.52	N/A	5%	\$ 97,215.84
Auditor	\$ 57,022.20	\$ 59,500	5%	\$ 62,475.00
Budget Director	\$ 3,495.83	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000.00
Recorder	\$ 53,674.47	\$ 58,500	5%	\$ 61,425.00
Sheriff	\$ 72,553.01	\$ 78,500	5%	\$ 82,425.00
Treasurer	\$ 53,754.21	\$ 59,000	5%	\$ 61,950.00

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

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$ 97,215.84	per comp board recommendations
Auditor	\$ 62,475.00	per comp board recommendations
Budget Director	\$ 4,000.00	per comp board recommendations
Recorder	\$ 61,425.00	per comp board recommendations
Sheriff	\$ 82,425.00	per comp board recommendations
Treasurer	\$ 61,950.00	per comp board recommendations

Approved this 29th day of March, 2022

AYES: Sorensen, VanAernam, Thompson

AUDUBON County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Doug Sorensen

Audubon Co. Supervisor, Chairperson

NAYS: None

ATTEST:

/s/ Becky Marten, Deputy

Audubon County Deputy Auditor

Assessor Umland discussed the moving of her office to the vacated Public Health offices. A tour of office space on the third floor and basement was done and joined by Custodian Hansen, EMA Director Thygesen and Sheriff Johnson. No decision made at this time but it appeared that the PHN office space would be the best option for the Assessor's office.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to proceed with the contract termination of IP Pathways effective August 31, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Attorney Swensen will draft letter and Sorensen stated he had made Joel Secory aware of this. Some discussion was held on the hiring procedures for obtaining a full-time IT person. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the hiring of full-time IT person and proceed with job listing procedures with the assistance of the ICIT committee. Vote-all in favor.

County Engineer Rydl discussed maintenance activity at Secondary Roads. Roger Nelson discussed his issue with his driveway and he had previously discussed this with Supervisor Thompson. Thompson stated various ways he felt this issue could be resolved. Rydl and Nelson held discussion on ways to solve this problem of low visibility. Rocking of roads, construction and bridge projects and Rydl stated tower work crews will be returning in April.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to set May 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. for FY22 Budget Amendment hearing. Vote-all in favor. Requests for budget amendments must be received in Auditor's office by April 22, 2022 at 10 a.m.. Memo will be sent out to all departments.

Chairman Sorensen stated he had visited with Suzanne Gerlach concerning bond issuing and Thompson stated we need our roads and bridges updated. EMA Director Thygesen joined the meeting and expressed to the Board the importance of obtaining towers to facilitate better communication systems. He stated presently we are just using bandaids fixes and fears that if we don't update things in near future we will be behind in technology. He said we really should have three towers and is worried that there may become a mandate to have these towers. Board expressed their concerns and stated they have visited with legislators about funding for the towers. Sorensen had requested a quote from Motorola for just one tower but had not heard back from them.

Board looked at the proposal from Northland Public Finance for GO urban renewal bond funding with no decisions made. Board also reviewed the NACo leadership training/development with no decision being made. The Board will work on a mission and vision statement and did make some additions and corrections to the organizational chart to be submitted for the FY23 County Substance Abuse Prevention Grant.

Attorney Swensen presented resolution for tax abatement for review. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2022-25. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-25

Whereas Audubon County recognizes the need for economic development and affordable housing, the County may utilize various programs to incentivize and facilitate economic growth, Audubon County supports the proposed Landus Cooperative/AMVC feed mill project, to be located at the current Landus grain site east of Hamlin. Audubon County intends to offer this project property tax abatement, in conformance with Iowa Code, up to a maximum combined total reduction of 64% over 10 years.

/s/ Doug Sorensen Dated March 29, 2022
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Becky Marten, Deputy Auditor

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Audubon County Deputy Auditor