

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

April 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Rick Thompson, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Deb Campbell, Mitch Rydl, Chris Swensen, Fred Muhr, Vernie Venteicher, David Hansen, Sara Slater, Laurie Gilbert, Dr Steve Schmitz, Lyle Hansen, Troy Wessel and Pat Kaiser.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of April 5, 2022. Vote-all in favor.

Discussion was held with Fred Muhr on property in Exira. Muhr has for years mowed and taken care of property near him and would like to gain ownership. Currently Audubon County holds the certificate for this property. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to assign the certificate over to Muhr after he has paid all taxes due without interest and costs on Parcel # 05-110-401-6158. Vote-all in favor.

BOS updates included recent resignation of Tanner Clark with IP Pathways. IP Pathways will supply another technician. Sorensen stated he had been informed that someone will be at the Pinto Finisher Farm site on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Supervisor VanAernam stated he would go to represent the County.

Group discussion was held on the disbursement of the Valley Business Park funds. Vernie Venteicher stated he was on the Board when the original \$480,000 was taken out of the general fund to fund the Valley Business Park and he felt that amount should be put back into the general fund and then the funds be distributed to the cities and rural areas of Audubon County. Supervisor Thompson agreed with Venteicher on the distribution of funds. ACED directors Sara Slater and Laurie Gilbert presented the Valley Economic Proposal. This included ACED areas of focus, partnerships, housing, new homes since 2000, distressed residential program, developer attraction, ACED housing projects, Viking development, commercial, distressed commercial program, commercial façade program, rural economic potential, Audubon County largest employers, urban renewal funds, commercial funding sources utilized, ACED investment, ACED proposal request, opportunity. Both Wessel and Schmitz stated that the funds received would be used for economic development benefitting the entire county. They stated they are willing to consider all requests from various entities in the county to assist with matching funds. Kaiser stated receiving these funds would make a difference with economy growth and making funding available for projects which will help the county move forward. Housing is a major concern for the whole county.

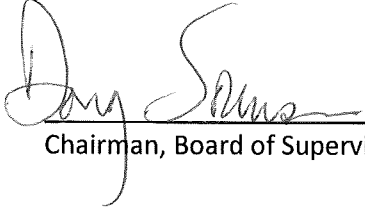
Supervisor VanAernam stated he felt funds should be used by the economic development group but Supervisor Thompson said he would like to see the funding split between cities and Venteicher stated don't forget the rural people. Chairman Sorensen stated that possibly cities might be helped with funding from the wind towers dividends for their road/street repairs. ACED members are requesting this funding be allocated to their Board and they would work with the cities in the county for their planning and use of funding to improve the economic development in Audubon County. No decisions were made at this time and Sorensen thanked the ACED members for their presentation and involvement.

Engineer Rydl discussed employment issues in his department and they are still advertising. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve utility permit for Aureon Network Services along 190th street from Guthrie to Shelby County. Vote-all in favor. He stated he will be coordinating with Aureon during the F32 planning/project. They are working on budget amendment for approximately 53 miles of paint markings. Reviewed preliminary concept plans for the Hamlin Feed Mill road project which will be submitted for RISE grant application. This will also need to be presented to the Board of Adjustments. Crews are working on bridge projects, cleaning box culverts and Rydl also discussed the renewal of an annual permit. Applicant is hauling oversized loads and Rydl is concerned about traveling over some of the timber bridges. Attorney Swensen joined the meeting and discussion was held on the flood plain ordinance and Swensen will follow-up with Simmering-Cory on this. The 5-yr county program plan and IDOT budget and plan will be discussed at next weeks meeting.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(c) at 11:55 a.m. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to come out of closed session at 12:45 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve deletion #638 2-drawer file cabinet from Public Health. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve deletion #2658 Dell OptiPlex computer tower. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve/file Auditor's and Recorder's month end reports. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, Emergency Management Director, E911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$68,254.28. Vote-all in favor.

After review of agreements Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve and sign extended warranty and maintenance agreement of election equipment with Henry M Adkins. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve election security policy. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and sign the FY23 Substance Abuse Program Grant application/agreement. Vote-all in favor. After review and discussion of work plan, certificate and conditions, minority impact statement and organizational chart of the grant Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve and sign FY23 Substance Abuse program grant application. Also, to authorize Auditor Lisa Frederiksen as the authorized signatory for the BOS for grant. Vote-all in favor. E-mail will be sent to department heads about ideas for ICAP grant request and be reviewed at future meeting. Also list of unclaimed asset items will be reviewed. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 1:12 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Audubon County Deputy Auditor