

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2019

May 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Todd Nelsen. Present: Rick Thompson, Gary VanAernam. Others present were Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Joni Hansen, Becky Marten, Doug Weston, Kent Grabill, Mitch Rydl, Rod Williams, Miranda Bills, Sam Wendl, Jami Schlemer, Steve Hocamp, Chris Erlandson, Todd Johnson, Melissa Thygesen, Laura Bacon and Renee Von Bokern.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve agenda with the addition of Exira Fire Dept. and utility permit. Vote-all in favor. Doug Weston stated he had no new update. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Board of Supervisor meeting update – the Valley Business Park bond has been paid off; Heart of Iowa; EMA applications.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to amend the agenda to add deletion of EMA cell phone. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the deletion of the EMA cell phone. Vote-all in favor.

The Board discussed the 9.58% and 10.78% nonunion wage increases and why increases had gone away from past practice of percentages. Nelsen stated his reasoning was that one employee had taken on zoning duties and that they were trying to have more of a difference between management and staff. Comment was made on other elected offices having increased duties without increased pay. Nelsen added that they had trouble filling crew leader positions even though no concerns had been made regarding crew leader increases in pay.

Roadside Manager Kent Grabill discussed right-of-way being part of a buffer strip for separation distance in regards to organic farming and being certified with OCIA. He stated that there needs to be signage regarding no spraying and these people would have to contact the county weed commissioner. A yearly agreement for a control plan was suggested for those wanting no spraying. The separation distance for bees is one mile.

Rod Williams met with board/engineer regarding rock situation on county roads, potential survey of red fuel tax amount increases to potentially address legislators on giving back to county roads. Also discussion of possibility of owner purchase of additional rock for roads or owner cost to pave section of road.

Sam Wendl and Jami Schleimer of secondary roads discussed MAC dump trucks that are being advertised online stating they could replace some of the single use vehicles that are now in use that have some maintenance issues and could also use to move rock. Rydl stated they would be out of next year's budget.

Steve Hocamp of the Exira Fire Department requested funding of \$5000.00 to each the Exira Fire Department and the Audubon Fire Department to purchase equipment needed to perform ice rescues. Hocamp stated five members from each department have gone for training for ice rescue. Nelsen stated that the fire departments receive money from the cities and townships and that the Board does not budget for equipment for the departments.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve a utility permit for Northern Natural Gas on F58 in Ex 3. Vote-all in favor. Weekly update: hauling rock to the stockpile. Rydl also discussed using farm-to-market funds to purchase rock for the farm-to-market roads.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments -- with exception on one claim for a gift being denied-- the Emergency Management Director, E-911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$241,531.82. Vote-all in favor. Board did not notify department with denied claim.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept and place on file a MMP update for Patrick & Joey Schon, ID#64318. Vote-all in favor.

Chris Erlandson discussed the split of data processing services with the Board and Auditor Lisa Frederiksen. IP Pathways contract does not want to estimate breakout of time worked as they feel it is too cumbersome. Auditor expressed concerns with all monies being taken out of general basic since January-- the need for a decision/correction before end of fiscal year in June. Chris stated 33 hours had been spent on the sheriff server.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the deletion of Sheriff's guns, four Springfield Armory XD .45's and 5 S & W 4006 .40 w/two mags and case; and deletion of two battery back-ups, #2092 and #2221, UPS Power Systems. Vote-all in favor.

The Board called Renee Von Bokern and discussed with Todd Johnson and Melissa Thygesen the interpretation/miscommunication of discussion that was held during negotiations/tentative agreement that was made—market rate increase for dispatch position category only versus increase in lieu of family

insurance contribution and a "3.8% average" increase expressed by Chairperson Nelsen versus the board-reduced dollar amount increase elected officials received from compensation board. Auditor questioned Nelsen's 3.8% as that did not correlate to any average increase she had calculated—current year elected official average increase was approximately 3.26% and prior year was not 3.54%. Dispatch position amount increase was next added to civil clerk position. Request was made to give additional increase to remaining custodial position—board then agreed to raise the FY20 custodial amount from \$.48 to \$.61/hour (equivalent to Nelsen's "3.8%"). Von Bokern will contact Rik Willett from union and add an addendum page accordingly.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn meeting at 2:01 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

  
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Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest:   
Audubon County Deputy Auditor