

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

May 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor's was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Doug Sorensen, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Troy Hofmockel, John Hansen, Jamie Miller, Mitch Rydl, Phil Mennenoh, Chris Hemmingsen, Kent Grabill, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, Deb Umland, Tiffany Henkle, Todd Johnson, Chris Swensen, Bob Nelson, Bo, Brian and Bobby from NextEra and Joe Shields of IP Pathways by Zoom.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve minutes of May 18, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

BOS update: Sorensen discussed buildings along Hwy 71 in Audubon being demolished. Clean-up of old gas station in Hamlin was discussed. Stressed urban development is needed in smaller towns. Thompson reported that Board of Health meeting reviewed policies and Covid status.

Department meeting was held and joined by Joe Shields of IP Pathways via Zoom. He discussed the SCI writing project and does not feel it is adequate or complete. After much discussion he feels that the county needs to retain an IT expert to work with the offices possibly one day a week to do a strategic plan and make changes. There are many physical security risks including need for more cameras in the Courthouse. He discussed options available to county such as going wireless, cloud storage, moving off site. They will meet with Troy and have a proposal available in approximately two weeks. Chairman Thompson asked Jamie Miller and Phil Mennenoh if they would be willing to serve on in-house committee to assist with this project. Miller declined as did several others. Mennenoh stated he would help where he can.

Discussion was held on forming a workgroup to discuss allocation of funding from American Rescue Plan (ARP). Both Thompson and Sorensen stated there are videos to watch concerning this funding. Various uses for this money discussed such as Broadband, Courthouse uses, updating jail, Secondary Roads, etc. Sorensen stated he would like group to include someone from Conservation, possibly Economic Development and others. Proposed ARP Steering Committee to include Phil Mennenoh, Bob Nelson, Doug Sorensen, John Hansen and Representatives of Treasurer's-Auditor-Secondary Roads and Sheriff's Departments. Any others wishing to participate were invited. They will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 to start application process and discuss projects. Application deadline is August 31, 2021 as stated by Thompson.

Attorney Swensen presented Supervisors with closed session code sections for discussion of cybersecurity and Courthouse security issues in the future.

Engineer Rydl and Office Manager Chris Hemmingsen joined meeting along with NextEra personnel. Motion Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve utility permit for Regional Water at 2169 Crane Place, Douglas 33. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve deletion of Asset #1032 Scientific Calc. Vote-all in favor.

NextEra employees Bo, Brian and Bobby discussed some issues. NextEra is hoping to have completion of this project done by end of year. Also stated they have a Facebook page and encourage people to read and comment as they wish. They are hoping to hold a public meeting in a couple weeks. They also would like to remind the county that NextEra is very willing to contribute and promote the county. Bo stated he is available to hear from the public.

Attorney Swensen is presently reviewing the road use agreement for this project and will have it ready for next week. Thompson and Sorensen asked that this be sent to them also for review prior to the meeting. Secondary Roads is needing flicker agreement and noise agreements from NextEra before they can continue. NextEra employees stated these are ready for their approval.

After discussion of each permit by Engineer Rydl and NextEra employees the following permits were approved. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve interim RUA for access to NextEra laydown yard on 160th Ave (Ross road). Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve utility permit for NextEra for HLDII crane crossings. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve utility permit for NextEra for HLDII road improvements. Vote-all in favor. Rydl discussed crossing issues, etc. He strongly stressed to NextEra personnel they need to be watching the crossing of bridges with the heavy equipment and they stated no heavy loads until late June. Motion-

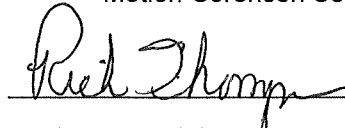
VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve utility permit for NextEra for HLDII collections crossing. Vote-all in favor. Robert Nelson expressed concerns of the Ross community and NextEra answered his questions and again stated they would welcome any calls or comments from people. They stated at present time they plan to work 6 days a week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. but this possibly will change due to weather.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve DOT amend to FY21 budget to coincide with changes made in County budget. Vote-all in favor. Secondary Road employees are working on roadway paths and maintenance. Rydl discussed they have posted weight restrictions on bridge in LE8, 170th Jay and Kingbird due to recent damage to bridge.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to accept/file MMP annual update for Madsen Barn, 150th Street, #64624. Rick Thompson met with Auditor Frederiksen to listen to exit interview by State Auditor's office.

Auditor Frederiksen discussed check received from Norlan and Lois Rasmussen to go towards the T-Bone bike trail. Appreciation was given for this donation. Discussion was also held on Public Health Nursing Department not having sufficient funds in their budget to finish out the fiscal year. Teresa Murray joined by Zoom and said she didn't realize they would not be able to meet payroll. Discussion given that they would hold their payroll until July in the new fiscal year. Thompson made telephone call to Simmering-Cory about the status of our ordinances being recoded. They stated they are in draft review and should be finished within the next month. This same statement was made in November 2020.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to adjourn meeting at 12:35 p.m.



Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Audubon County Auditor