

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

June 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor's was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Doug Sorensen, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Chassity Musfeldt, John Hansen, Troy Hofmockel, Robert Nelson, Jeanne Schwab, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Todd Johnson, Deb Campbell, Chris Hemmingsen, Darci Alt , Dave Lake, Bo McGee and Bobbie of NextEra.

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

John Hansen reviewed elevator maintenance contracts with the board. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to go with a five-year quarterly agreement with Schumacher Elevator Co of Denver, Iowa to maintain/service the CH elevator. Vote-all in favor.

Board of Supervisor update: VanAernam reported on New Opportunities. Also had been approached with questions about possible markings on Indian burial sites at Littlefield. He also had been asked whether there will be basements under new cabins being built at Littlefield.

IT update from Troy included a quote from IP Pathways for a 3-year service agreement to install another WIFI access point on the top floor for better service. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve 3-year support and Meraki licensing agreement and access point for CH 3rd floor. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve minutes of May 25, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Bids for the trash removal were opened. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve 2 year contract with Carroll Refuse Service at \$110 per month starting July 1, 2021. Vote-all in favor.

PHN Administrator Robert Nelson and BOH Chairman Jeanne Schwab joined meeting to discuss their budget. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve the FY21 Budget Amendment hearing for Public Health for June 15th at 10:00 am. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to go into closed session pursuant to 21.5 (sub 1c) at 9:40 a.m. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to move out of closed session at 10:10 a.m. Vote-all in favor.

Bo and Bobby from NextEra and Chris Hemmingsen and Mitch Rydl from Secondary Roads reviewed updates involving permit issues. They also presented an updated map showing location of the proposed 72 turbine locations. NextEra personnel stated they are more than willing to work with complaints from the general public. Engineer reported on seeing hauling contractor unloading equipment in rural Audubon County and found they were hauling without permits. Permits were issued later in the afternoon. Engineer will return later in day for approval of NextEra road use agreement.

Darcie Alt of Heart of Iowa Mental Health reported on funding of agency and upcoming changes. Discussed adding governing board members and votes to 28E agreement. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve revisions to the 28E agreement. Vote-all in favor. Sheriff joined meeting and discussion held on Stepping Up resolution for jail diversion program and jail legislation. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2021-19. Stepping Up program. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2021-19

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to

Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Audubon County takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Audubon County has developed its Jail Diversion/Community Integration Program, Mobile Crisis, as well as the Safe Harbor Crisis Stabilization and Transition Center, which helps people stay out of jail by offering mental health and substance use disorder treatment; and

WHEREAS, through the *Stepping Up Initiative*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation, are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT I, /s/ Rick Thompson, Chairman, Audubon County Board of Supervisor do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

Dated at Audubon this 1st day of June, 2021

/s/ Rick Thompson

Chairperson, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Becky Marten, Clerk

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Dave Lake of Community Insurance discussed insurance renewal and rates and stressed importance of safety within the County. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve the renewal for the ICAP and Workman's Comp insurances. Vote-all in favor. Also stated there will be a \$1000 safety grant available and Conservation Department would like to use this towards pea-gravel for their new playground. This will be discussed at upcoming safety meeting.

Motion-Sorensen 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 \$188,908.11. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept and file MMP update Madsen Barn-Phil Madsen #64624. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2021-20 American Rescue Plan. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2021-20

WHEREAS, Audubon County will be eligible for American Rescue Plan funding through the Federal government and

WHEREAS, Audubon County wishes to keep the receipt and use of these funds separate from all other budgeted funds for internal and audit tracking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that this new sub-fund of General Basic will be set up accordingly and titled "ARP fund". The Auditor and Treasurer offices are directed to create this fund accordingly.

Passed on this 1st day of June, 2021, with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Thompson, VanAernam, Sorensen NAYS: none

/s/ Rick Thompson

Chairperson, Audubon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

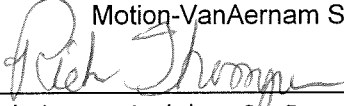
/s/Becky Marten, Clerk

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Department head meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on June 8th and Safety Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on June 8th. Also the ARP steering committee will meet June 2 at 10 a.m.

Engineer Rydl and NextEra employees returned and Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve the road use agreement with Audubon County and NextEra. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to adjourn meeting at 12:46 p.m.


Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: 
Audubon County Auditor