

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

June 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 28, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Gary VanAernam, Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, James Miller, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Mitch Steffes and Andy Wailes of MidAmerican Energy, Bobbie of NextEra, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, Tiffany Henkle and Jotham Arber via telephone and also telephone call to Keri McMahon of HBS.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Van Aernam to approve minutes of June 21, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve minutes of June 22, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the quote from Janning Tile for \$3536.25 for flooring in former Assessor's office. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve original and MMP updates for Fett Barns (Jason Fett) #59766, JEM Investments LLC #64782 and Jensen Farm (Daniel Lauritsen) #62131. Vote-all in favor.

Telephone call was made by Chairman Sorensen to Keri McMahon of HBS concerning the quote for Veeam Backup. She is still working on quote. Attorney Swensen reviewed the IP Pathways contract and at present time feels there is no need to contact Mike Galloway of Ahlers and Cooney for further legal advice.

County Engineer Rydl and Bobbie of NextEra discussed the current punch list of items needing completion before Rydl signs off on contract releasing NextEra. There are still a couple issues and one being substation. Bobbie stated signs have been placed and Rydl stated roads look good and he is satisfied with the seal coat agreement with NextEra which will be done soon.

Mitch Steffes and Andy Wailes of MidAmerican Energy and the Eclipse wind turbine project joined the meeting and explained the repowering phase of the 25 turbines in Audubon County. Steffes stated turbines new blades will be longer and also there will be a new top tower section added. He also stressed that all metals are hauled away and recycled. They will be applying dust control protection and water trucks will also be used. He stated that repowering the turbines with new equipment doesn't disturb ground and roads like when installing turbines. Rydl stressed importance of not traveling on certain bridges and they are working with the county on this project.

Rydl discussed bridge projects and current status. He will be meeting or has met with Western Engineering on F32 project and will be talking to Blacktop Services for the Ross, Hamlin and North Division Street in Audubon projects. Rydl showed information to Supervisors on used trucks available as his department would like to purchase equipment. Discussion was held on ordering new trucks and how long before they become available versus purchasing used equipment. No decisions made.

Jotham Arber, Audubon County Public Health Director, conversed over the telephone and discussed new IT equipment being purchased through grants. He also encouraged Supervisors to visit ACMH and see the new space occupied by Public Health. Reviewed visits being made for nursing services and also stated they are utilizing the new social worker. They hosted an event at the Rec Center with Elderbridge recently, are doing survey of health providers and what the community needs are and will be doing a clinic at food pantry. He is also working on Emergency Preparedness plan with EMA Director Tyler Thygesen and they will be doing live drill events. Thompson requested that Arber discuss new support group being formed for those who have been affected by Covid with depression, ongoing health issues, fatigue, brain fog, loss of taste and smell, etc. Environmental health has been busy with Perk tests, water tests and they are working on septic drawings for the Beacon project. They hope to have free radon tests available for county residents soon. Arber stated might need an ordinance for tanning beds as state no longer inspects them and has become the responsibility of public health. New 28E agreement is with Attorney Swensen for review.

Attorney Chris Swensen reviewed with the Board what they can and can not ask during interviews. Also discussed the posting of agendas and time frames. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2022-41 wage increase for Annie Brinks. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-41

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective July 18, 2022, the hourly wage for Annie Brinks, Audubon County Attorney Clerk, will increase from \$17.50 per hour to \$18.50 per hour. The increase reflects the end of her probationary period.

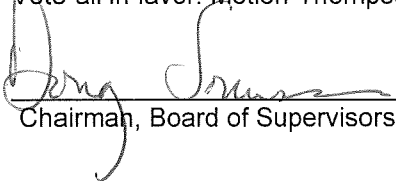
Dated Audubon County, Iowa this 28th day of June, 2022

/s/ Doug Sorensen
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Audubon County, Iowa

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

Chairman Sorensen received return call from Keri McMahon of Heartland Business Systems on the backup contracts. There are some concerns with Sheriff's backup and she will have contract ready for Attorney review soon. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to recess until 1 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. with Department heads joining meeting. Discussion of the IT interview held last week was discussed. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to offer fulltime IT position to Brennan Schulte at \$75,000 with 6-month re-evaluation of salary and review of work performance. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 2 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


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