

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

July 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was cancelled on Tuesday and moved to Wednesday due to Vice-Chairman being unavailable on Tuesday. Chairman Sorensen on vacation. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 20, 2022 by Vice-Chairman Gary VanAernam. Others present were Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Miranda Bills, Bruce Haag, Chris Swensen, Kent Grabill, Jamie Miller, Deb Campbell, Mitch Rydl, Jotham Arber. Doug Sorensen was ABSENT.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of July 12, 2022. Vote-all in favor.

Jotham Arber, Audubon County Public Health Director reviewed the 28E agreement and reviewed use of funding. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and sign the new 28E agreement. Vote-all in favor. Arber will obtain needed signatures and return signed copy.

Department Head meeting held and discussion was held on vacation allocation. Thompson had visited with HR consultant Renee VonBokern and she stated that since the IT position was a specialized position it would be okay to allow up front vacation versus monthly at start of employment. Auditor Frederiksen stated that currently employees earn vacation monthly and all employees other than those in union follow the county handbook. Much discussion was held on current handbook policies and Thompson stated that he felt no decisions should be made until Supervisor Sorensen is in attendance. Attorney Swensen stated there needs to be a cell phone policy and Jothan Arber stated how Guthrie County handles cell phones. Much information was discussed. Veteran Affairs Director informed all of his resignation effective August 17 and they are currently advertising.

Conservation Director Bruce Haag discussed employee changes in his department. He discussed the progress of the cabin project and what needs to be completed and added. They have concrete estimates and have been hauling top soil in and will be seeding in the fall. A main concern is getting contractors to complete projects. Haag is currently waiting to hear about a destination Iowa grant application he made. Also stated that bike trail repairs will be concrete instead of asphalt in the future. Discussed the dead trees they are dealing with and the planting of new trees.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and file MMP annual updates for Cumberland #63970 (Steve Huegerich) and Sunburst Valley Farms LLC #63968. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and sign Heartland Business Systems contract for added services through October 7, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve Resolutions 2022-51 hiring of Brennan Schulte as IT Director. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-51

WHEREAS, Audubon County Board of Supervisors has decided to hire a full-time IT Director, and has advertised and interviewed accordingly,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Brennan Schulte be hired as full-time Audubon County IT Director with beginning annual salary of \$75,000. His start date will be August 15, 2022 pending employment physical screening results. This position will follow the Audubon County Employee Information Handbook. Insurances will be effective October 1, 2022.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 20th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Gary VanAernam


Vice-Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Becky Marten

Audubon County Deputy Auditor

County Engineer Mitch Rydl discussed the new federal IJA bill and explained the safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) grants over the 5 years of the bill. As part of the requirements to apply for and receive funding a county must have a safety action plan in place and ICEA is working with the Iowa DOT to submit grant applications to develop and supply counties with this plan at no cost to the county. Approval was given by Supervisors to agree to this. Bridge project updates were reviewed and Blacktop Services are progressing on Hamlin and Ross projects. Rydl did state he would like to be informed of routes being used by poker runs and tractor rides. Discussed issue with a current incident of traffic going through road closure signs. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve deletion of Asset #52B (Bobcat mower), Asset #73 (construction trailer) and Asset #1420 (Dell Optiplex 3020 computer). 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 \$471,204.92. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Vote-all in favor.



Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors



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