

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2021

July 20, 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 Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Chassity Musfeldt, Tanner Clark, Deb Campbell, Miranda Bills, Deb Umland, John Hansen, Todd Johnson, Kent Grabill, Mitch Rydl, Chris Swensen, Phil Mennenoh. Doug Sorensen absent.

.Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the agenda with the addition of Kent Grabill, Weed Commissioner. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson 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 \$954,308.91. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept/file MMP for JEM Investments LLC #64782. Vote-all in favor. Sealed bids were opened for three Courthouse items. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the sealed bids for the small wooden table, metal cabinet, and the white cabinet. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- VanAernam Second- Thompson to approve the 3 percent FY22 Custodial raises. Vote-all in favor. Auditor Frederiksen stated State Auditors will be coming the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion was held on termination payouts. Various Department Heads voiced their opinions on Public Health's employees working only a half last day, on the first day of a new month, and getting paid for a full month of benefits. Many were upset that these employees deliberately set the last day of work to the first day of the month in order to have the taxpayer's dollars cover another month of benefits. The Department Heads were all in agreement that the Court House handbook rules implied that a full day must be worked on the last day of termination. They also stated that the Public Health employees were aware of these rules when they were instated. The Department Heads want to have something in writing to prevent this from happening in the future. Supervisors and Auditor will be checking with various references to see how the situation can be appropriately and fairly handled in the future.

Kent Grabill, County Weed Commissioner, gave an update on different requests being made regarding CRP ground. Discussion was held on mowing road ditches and spraying weeds/trees.

Engineer Mitch Rydl presented an agreement with the City of Brayton to help them with a road project. He also discussed a utility permit for a water line for cattle for Jerry Riesgaard. Heartland Divide II update included a few issues last week with heavy loads and not following their permitted routes and crossing bridges without authorization. Maintenance/Construction activity included the pricing information for two new trucks. He also presented the current bids on the county's items listed on Purple Wave.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the agreement with the City of Brayton. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the Iowa DOT permit for M66 Detour Route. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the utility permit for a private water line for livestock for Jerry Riesgaard. Vote-all in favor.

Jotham Arber of Guthrie County Public Health gave update on the 28E agreement as it is almost ready to be signed. Currently working for Public Health including year end reports (for grants). He said the ACMH is willing to let them move into an office space if needed. He said they might be holding their first joint event with ACMH during Audubon T-Bone Days. He said they are looking forward to working with Audubon and how great and easy everyone has been to work with at the Courthouse and ACMH. He said they brought over Pfizer vaccinations and will be holding a vaccine clinic at the Audubon High School as school is starting soon and also will be needing to do the vaccine audits there. Suzanne Cooner and Jotham would like to do a community forum for the public so they know all the upcoming events, current news, and what resources they have available. He said it is important to do outreaches to every part of the county to make sure every community member is informed with their available resources. Engineer Rydl asked Jotham about doing different trainings, such as first aid and CPR, and Jotham stated they would be more than happy to do so as soon as the 28E agreement is signed.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 am.

/s/ Rick Thompson  
Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt, Clerk  
Audubon County Auditor Clerk