

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

August 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 9, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Rick Thompson, Becky Marten, Tyler Thygesen, Mitch Rydl, Kent Grabill, Deb Campbell, Todd Johnson, Chad Gappa of Motorola, John Markres of Unplugged Wireless, Paul Topliff of Audubon County Memorial Hospital and Gary VanAernam arrived at 10:15.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve agenda with addition of email from Joel Secory and floodplain ordinances. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve minutes of August 2, 2022. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Recorder's month-end report. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to accept/file Clerk of Court's month-end report. Vote-all in favor. Letter from District Court Administrator and also incident reports from Clerk of Court employees concerning the asbestos removal in the former Assessor's office were read and discussed. No decision made at this time. Email received by Chairman Sorensen from IP Pathways was shared concerning backup done in June. No decisions made at this time and will review with new IT Director.

Motion-Thompson Second-Sorensen to approve the Revision Resolution 2022-55 on hiring of IT Director Brennan Schulte. Vote-all in favor.

REVISED HIRING RESOLUTION 2022-55

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 12, 2022 pending employment physical screening results. This position will follow the Audubon County Employee Information Handbook with the following exceptions: two weeks of vacation during his first year of employment and being allowed to exceed his monthly balance earned during this first year - if employment ends during the first year, any negative vacation balance will be paid back to the County. Insurances will be effective October 1, 2022.

Audubon County is currently working on a cell phone policy and until finalized, County will pay up to \$50/month towards IT Director's current personal cell phone line charge

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 2nd day of August, 2022

/s/ Doug Sorensen

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Audubon County, Iowa

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

Chad Gappa of Motorola and John Markres of Unplugged Wireless presented an updated slide show of E911 tower location, etc. Gappa also stated that the State of Iowa has approved upcoming funding opportunities for schools along with the Department of Education and Homeland Security for equipment purchases and updates. EMA Director Thygesen has been in contact and will be working with the Audubon and Exira School systems with this project. Sheriff Johnson and Thygesen state they are continuing to work with Chad and John on finding the best location for a second tower within the county. Financing of this tower project was discussed along with various concerns the Supervisors have with insurance coverage for tower, maintenance costs, additional equipment expenses and possible storm risks to the towers and equipment. Chairman Sorensen stated they are continuing to discuss the financing of this project,

Paul Topliff, COO at ACMH discussed a proposal he had received from the City of Panora for providing ambulance service to Audubon County residents. He had also visited with Shelby County and they are presently pursuing other options and not interesting in joining with Audubon County at this time. He reviewed status of adjoining counties and the hospital and their Board feel that discussing with the City of Panora for this service is a viable answer to the problem. Discussion was held on possible options for solving money situation and was noted that the hospital could possibly have a tax rate they are not using at present time to help the county with the cost. It was felt the County does need a solution to this ambulance problem and possibly this would be the way to go. Topliff will present the tax issue to the

hospital board and county will also discuss funding and Sorensen stated he would like to see this project proceed forward.

County Engineer Mitch Rydl and Roadside Manager Kent Grabill discussed Nishnabotna Park area now that the bridge project is complete. Grabill would like to see the park cleaned up and is willing to do the clearing of the dead trees and reseeding the area. Previously this area was managed by the Conservation Department. There also is a well on the property belonging to the City and they will be contacted before proceeding. Discussion was also held on other uses for this area and liability issues. Grabill will meet with the Conservation Board to discuss options. Grabill also stated he had been informed of receiving the forestry grant for \$15,000.

Engineer Rydl discussed the recently held Board of Adjustment meeting. The minutes of this meeting are on the Audubon County website. As zoning administrator Rydl had denied two construction/change use permits and these were reviewed by the Board of Adjustment and others at meeting. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the Board of Adjustments actions taken on August 4, 2022 to approve construction permits for AMVC/Landus feed mill and Tyler Bruck’s dog kennel permit. Vote-all in favor.

Rydl reviewed bridge projects, construction updates, F32 west plans to be submitted, hauling rock, job applications/interviews and discussion of new 28E agreement with Brayton. Also reviewed the need for road signage at new AMVC/Landus feed mill project. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2022-56 low-water stream crossing. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION FOR LOW-WATER STREAM CROSSING
Audubon County Resolution No 2022-56**

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under the authority of Sections 321.236 and 321.255 of the Code of Iowa to regulate, warn or guide traffic on highways under their jurisdiction and to place and maintain traffic control devices, and

WHEREAS: The County Engineer has evaluated and determined there is a need for regulating traffic at the low-water stream crossings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that warning signs with the messages, "Flood Area Ahead" and "Impassible During High Water," and a regulatory sign with the message "Do Not Enter When Flooded" be erected for the safety and welfare of the traveling public at the approaches to the low water crossings at the following locations:

County Bridge I.D. DO-21: Location in Section 14, Township 80 North, Range 36 West, 185th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Douglas Township.

County Bridge I.D. LI-22: Location between Sections 22 and 27, Township 81 North, Range 36 West, 140th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Lincoln Township.

County Bridge I.D. ME-1: Location in Section 4, Township 80 North, Range 34 West, 165th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Melville Township.

County Bridge I.D. SH-9: Location between Sections 11 and 14, Township 79 North, Range 36 West, 240th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Sharon Township.

County Bridge I.D. VI-22: Location between Sections 24 and 25, Township 81 North, Range 34 West, 140th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Viola Township.

Low Water Crossings: Located between Sections 3 and 10, Township 81 North, Range 34 West, 110th Street (Level "B" Dirt Roadway), Viola Township.

Passed this 9th day of August, 2022

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Doug Sorensen
Board of Supervisors Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/ Becky Marten
Audubon County Deputy Auditor

Some discussion held on vacation policy changes. Thompson stated need to visit with Union representatives before making any changes. Treasurer Campbell discussed the splitting of Conservation revenues and the Board would like Conservation Director Bruce Haag to come to next BOS meeting to discuss this further before any changes are made. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

Doug Sorensen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Becky Marten
Audubon County Deputy Auditor