

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2019

April 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Todd Nelsen. Others present were Gary VanAernam, Rick Thompson, and Renee VonBokern via telephone, Joni Hansen, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Deb Campbell, Deb Umland, Mike Jensen, Gary Nelson, Chris Erlandsen and Laura Bacon.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve agenda with the addition of minutes. Vote all in favor. Doug Weston discussed the fan in the computer room and the thermostat in the jail.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, the Emergency Management Director, E-911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$159,017.18. Vote-all in favor.

Nelsen updated the Board on a Valley Business Park meeting and discussed the future of the park.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to accept and place on file the Recorder's March Report of Fees. Vote-all in favor. The Board discussed the RDP billings and talked with Chris Erlandsen as to the status of doing the back-ups. Chris will get back to the Board.

The Board discussed wage decisions/difference in percentages allotted. Board verified they were in agreement with Conservation across-the-board higher 5% increases as they did not want to lose any of these county employees. Board still waiting on Engineer who wants more time to prepare resolutions for the three non-union Secondary Roads wage increase proposals. Miranda Bills and Deb Campbell discussed the money cut from their budgetary requests and questioned why some departments were cut but not all. Auditor added that Board had waited until publication deadline to review fund balances/attempt cuts to help the General Basic reserves—did not seem to allow enough time to go through all departments for consistency/changing line items.

Discussion was held regarding the postage machine and that the sealer does not always work and whether or not we need to replace the machine.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Roads update. Rydl stated that some of the roads are in bad shape due the frost coming out and that they hauling rock and hopefully they will soon improve. Mike Jensen joined the discussion: Audubon County was one of the counties declared a disaster by FEMA. There will be an application briefing in Carroll on Tuesday, April 9 with FEMA. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to move the April 9 meeting to Wednesday, April 10 so the Board can attend the FEMA meeting. Vote-all in favor. The Board will send a memo to Department Heads regarding the meeting change. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the deletion of Secondary Roads pc's, asset #2348 and #1054. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve a West Central Iowa Rural Water Utility Permit for 2320 150th St., Viola 29-32. Vote-all in favor.

The Board had a telephone conference call with Renee Von Bokern regarding the use of personal days for an employee leaving and stated it was the decision of the Engineer. Rydl discussed a culvert on private property and the request of the landowner to have it fixed. Rydl referred to an agreement from 2000 and stated it was the property owner's responsibility. Rydl reviewed his five year plan for farm-to-market roads and bridge construction. Gary Nelson addressed the Board and stated his concerns about the road conditions on the gravel road near Goldfinch Ave.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(i). Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to move out of closed session at 1:10 p.m. Vote-all in favor. The Board reviewed a salary survey for Engineers. Discussion was held regarding a new contract for the Engineer. Rydl proposed a 3%-4%-4% for 3 years and Thompson proposed 4% for all 3 years. Engineer stated he had only put 3% in fy20 budget. Nelsen proposed the option of 5%-4%-4%. Motion-VanAernam to go with Nelsen's proposal Second-Nelsen to approve a three year contract for the Engineer with a 5% wage increase the first year, 4% the second year and 4% the third year. Vote-all in favor. Discussion on Engineer no longer be doing planning and zoning-take out of contract and increasing vacation limit. No motion/vote made on these proposed changes.

The Board discussed budget-versus-actuals and stated they felt they had completed reviews and were satisfied with all departments. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

/s/Todd Nelsen
Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Joni Hansen
Audubon County Auditor - Deputy