

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2019

March 19, 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 Rick Thompson, Gary VanAernam, Lisa Frederiksen, Joni Hansen, Becky Marten, Doug Weston, Mike Blum, Deb Umland, Sarah Jennings and Mitch Rydl.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve agenda with the deletion of Martinez and the addition of Danish Wines & Vines. Vote all in favor. Doug Weston updated the Board on being called in two nights when the alarm was going off in the computer room. The chemical pump for the boiler is in but will wait until the boiler is shut down before installing.

Deb Umland brought the values for the wind towers that she had received stating that each tower had a value of two million dollars.

Motion-Thompson Second-to approve the minutes of the March 12 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the minutes of the March 14 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson 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 \$106,066.87. Vote-all in favor.

Board of Supervisors update – East/West Nishnabotna meeting tomorrow, Aureon meeting, Southwest Iowa Juvenile and Heart of Iowa meetings were discussed.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve a Class C Native Wine permit for Danish Wines and Vines. Vote-all in favor.

Sarah Jennings discussed the Shelby County audit release and stated she will draft a letter to the EMA board members.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update and discussed the Senate Study Bill and Senate File passed by the Senate Committee on Transportation and stated they are opposed to it as it is a safety issue as our wooden bridges would not handle the additional weight. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2019-8 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

AUDUBON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution 2019-8

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184 PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Audubon County owns and maintains non primary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the non-primary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Audubon County owns and maintains 200 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Audubon County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the non-primary roads and bridges owned by Audubon County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on non-primary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Audubon County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Audubon County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Audubon County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Audubon County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Audubon County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Audubon County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

Resolved this 19th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Todd M. Nelsen

Chairperson, Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

ATTEST

By: /s/ Joni Hansen, Deputy Audubon County Auditor


Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve UPV for JEO Inv#108496-FM-C0005(72), N36 pavement project. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve UPV for JEO Inv#108498-BROS-SWAP-C005(54), GR 15 & 17 bridge projects. Vote-all in favor. Rydl also discussed flood damage to a bridge construction project, a bridge damaged by flooding and damage done to plugged culverts, water over the road and pot holes.

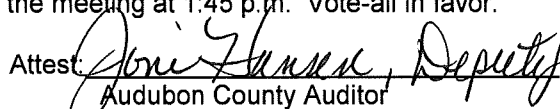
Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to amend the agenda to sign the letter for extension and the Journal Entry Report to the State Auditor. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to sign a letter of request for an extension to the State Audit Report. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to sign the Adjusting Journal Entry Report for the State Auditor. Vote-all in favor.

The Board signed a letter to Governor Kim Reynolds in opposition of Senate File 184 passed by the Senate Committee on Transportation.

Nelsen will call the city regarding work on their ordinances.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

  
Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest:   
Deputy  
Audubon County Auditor