

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Others present were Gary VanAernam and Doug Sorensen. Lisa Frederiksen, Joni Hansen, John Hansen, Troy Hofmockel, Rich Gass, Phil Mennenoh, Deb Campbell, Bo McGee Mitch Rydl, Chris Hemmingsen, Rob Griffith, Ron and Jack of Aureon, Tiffany Henkle, Deb Umland and Gail Richardson.. Via Zoom – Kimberly Dickey.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve agenda. Vote-all in favor.

John Hansen gave the custodial update and stated the floor in the computer room had been completed.

Troy Hofmockel introduced Rich Gass of IP Pathways and stated that Gass will be the county's new IT person. Hofmockel stated that the SCI wiring current punch list had been completed and was ready for approval.

Deb Campbell reviewed the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Vote-all in favor. Campbell gave an update on the Investment report.

Motion-Sorensen Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Bo McGee and Kimberly Dickey of Next Era reviewed the status of Heartland Divide II. McGee stated there would be 39.2 miles of transmission lines running through Audubon County, Guthrie County and into Adair County and stated that all transmission lines and towers are 100% voluntary easements. Construction teams would start this spring when the snow is past and hope for completion by December 22, 2021. McGee stated that there would be 73 wind turbines and over approximately 30 years they should bring 72 million dollars to the county and would employ 16 full time employees. McGee stated that there is information available on the Heartland Divide II website and Facebook page.

Rob Griffith, Ron and Jack from Aureon reviewed services provided for improved fiber connection and a new telephone system for the courthouse. Much discussion was held regarding the telephone system, billing and fax machines. Ron stated that Laura Wenthold of Aureon would be the project manager.

Gail Richardson reviewed the Annual Report for the Audubon Library. Richardson stated that circulation had remained steady despite being closed from March 17 through May 11 due to COVID. When they reopened the library they also provided curbside and home delivery. No summer programs were held due to social distancing. The library still administers passports.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update and discussed snow removal after the blizzard. Rydl stated that his crews were out from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Monday opening roads. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve a utility permit for West Central Iowa Rural Water at 2216 110th Street. Vote-all in favor.

VanAernam left the meeting at noon.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, Emergency Management Director, E-911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$276,986.07. Vote-all in favor

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve the FY21 Semi Annual report for the County Substance Abuse Prevention Grant. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve and submit the SCI wiring current punch list and submit. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve a memo for the new HRA claims provider. Vote-all in favor.

The Board discussed in-town mileage reimbursement and will discuss more next week.

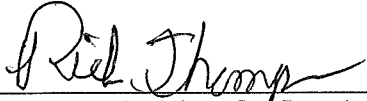
Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to accept and place on file the Clerk of Court's December Report of Fees. Vote-all in favor.

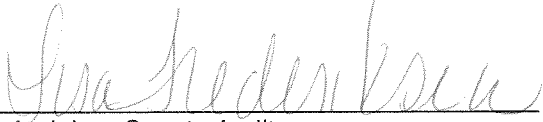
Board of Supervisor update: Heart of Iowa

Board postponed month-end review and cell phone policy as they needed to adjourn.

Board forgot about safety meeting and FY22 budget work for the current week-may meet Friday. Will reschedule safety meeting that was set for 1p.m.

There being no other business, Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisor

Attest: 
Audubon County Auditor