

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

October 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Present: Gary VanAernam, Todd Nelsen. Others present were Joni Hansen, John Hansen, Jotham Arber, Deb Campbell, Robert Nelson, Teresa Murray, Kent Grabill, Deb Umland, Rodney Petersen, Mitch Rydl, Brenna Bird and Lisa Frederiksen and Chris Hemmingsen via Zoom.

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

John Hansen gave the custodian update and discussed the drilling for the new wiring.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Board of Supervisor update: SWI Juvenile and upcoming New Opportunities.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve changing the meeting/claim date from November 3 to November 4. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve November 10 at 1:00 p.m. to canvass the votes of the November 3, 2020 General Election. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to accept and file MMP Updates for N & J Smith Farms LLC, ID#65042, and ALKAJA LLC, formerly Lange Hog LLC, ID#65042. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve a Public Notice for H & S Farming Site, ID#70066. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve an interest invoice for November. Vote-all in favor.

Jotham Arber, Guthrie County Health Services, gave an update and reviewed the new format that will be used for Audubon services. Arber stated that they will review the 28E Agreement when it is up for renewal and that there will be free radon tests available for residents. Arber said that the HOPES program is going well and also Home Health and that the Audubon Hospital has been providing PT services.

Deb Campbell discussed the possibility of abating delinquent taxes on Iowa Interstate Railroad property. Deb Umland also discussed buildings on leased land. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to abate the taxes of Iowa Interstate Railroad for parcel #050521330801, 0505521330803, 050521330804, 051104012801 and 051104012802. Vote-all in favor.

Rodney Petersen discussed with the Board a building on property next to Mel's Diner in Brayton and also an adjoining lot. Deb Campbell stated that the county holds the certificate for this property.

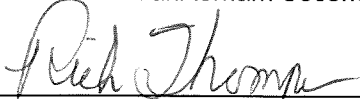
Kent Grabill met with the Board. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to reappoint Kent Grabill as Audubon County Weed Commissioner. Vote-all in favor.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update. Rydl discussed the cost of hauling rock to the county and how many ton of rock he can buy with the money he has budgeted for rock. Rydl also reviewed the five-year bridge plan and discussed that Federal funding is being cut and how the standards have changed as to which bridges qualify for funding. Audubon County has 192 bridges and 133 bridges meet the standards for funding. Weekly update: working on Sharon 8 and 10 bridges, hauling rock to stockpile and spotting rock. TIF update – Discussion was held regarding the coding of administrative expenses. Further discussion at the November 10th meeting.

County Attorney Brenna Bird explained the process regarding possible litigation regarding closed sessions at public meetings. Brenna reviewed COVID sick leave granted to employees and questioned an end date for using the time granted. Brenna also stated that the county needs to follow the Federal law regarding sick leave and the Board needs to have an end date for use of the COVID leave. Brenna explained that the court system made a change as of July 15, 2020 and that the county would now receive 9% of jail costs. The hay lease involving property near the landfill was discussed and she stated that a Resolution from the landfill board is needed and then they can move forward in preparing a lease. Discussion was held regarding reviewing background checks in a public meeting and what is required to move into closed session. Nelsen stated that he had talked to Mike Galloway and it was stated that if an applicant is licensed and lives within the county that it limits the ability to enter into a 28E Agreement. Brenna stated that whomever is appointed has 10 days to qualify after their appointment and takes the oath of office. Lisa Frederiksen stated that Mike Galloway had stated to her that we can't enter into a 28E Agreement mid-term but that in two years it could be placed on the ballot to approve.

The Board reviewed the background check of Jason Carlstrom.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: 
Audubon County Auditor, Deputy