

**SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020**

**March 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Rick Thompson. Present: Todd Nelsen Absent: Gary VanAernam. Others present were Diana Munch, Joni Hansen, John Hansen, Kent Grabill, Gary Riesgaard, Deb Umland, Teresa Murray, Miranda Bills, Mitch Rydl, Chris Hemmingsen, Deb Campbell, Todd Johnson, LaVerne Deist, Ryan Berven, Andrea DeAngelo, Dennis Carter, Steve Schmitz, Ashley Madsen, Jack Middleton, Kimberly Dickey, Bo MaGee and Laura Bacon.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve the agenda with the addition of Tyler Amendment. Vote-all in favor.

John Hansen gave the custodial update and stated that the replacement of traps was nearly complete. Hansen also discussed the elevator inspection and the pipes in the mechanical room.

Board of Supervisor update: DCAT, WESCO and upcoming Landfill and PHN meetings.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve the deletion of PHN glucometers, asset #0788 and 0789. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Nelsen to accept and place on file the Clerk of Court's February Report of Fees. Vote-all in favor.

The Department Head meeting was held and upcoming ISAC meetings and if there was a plan if the county had to deal with the coronavirus.

Todd Johnson met with the Board to discuss part-time dispatcher and as-needed deputy positions.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2020-13 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2020-13**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Katelyn Trevino be hired as a part-time dispatcher/jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff's office effective upon receipt of a passing PCP. After completion of training, she will average a minimum of 24-28 hours per week. This position will follow the union contract for a part-time employee. The Starting hourly wage will be \$13.40 based on experience and then follow the union contract for pay increases as set.

Dated at Audubon this 10th day of March, 2020, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Nelsen

Nays: None

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/ Joni Hansen, Deputy Auditor

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2020-14 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2020-14**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Hilaree Walter be hired as an as-needed Deputy Sheriff for the Audubon County Sheriff's office effective March 10, 2020. Her base wage while working for the Sheriff's office will be \$21.00 per hour and this position will follow the union contract. Any hours worked for the Sheriff's office outside of her regular County Attorney office hours, which would collectively put her over the 40 hour work week, will be paid at 1.5 times her As-Needed Deputy wage and will come out of the Sheriff's office budget.

Dated at Audubon this 10th day of March, 2020, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Nelsen

Nays: None

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/ Joni Hansen, Deputy Auditor

Sheriff Johnson also discussed that LEA channels for the radio system would be done October 31, 2020. New equipment on a higher leased tower is needed and could cost \$750,000.00. Johnson also stated that a new dispatch com center could come out of the E911 budget.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the FY21 Budget-Proposed Maximum Property Dollars. No oral or written comments or objections had been received by the Auditor's office. LaVerne Deist asked what amount was budgeted for rock, how much taxes would increase and the possibility of not rocking some roads where there is no one living. Nelsen explained that the need to increase the transfer to secondary roads was to maintain the carryout and still have the money to purchase rock and work on bridges and culverts. Rydl stated that the changing more roads to Level B also reduces the funding the county receives from the road use tax. Deist stated that he felt that the public wasn't aware that they are planning on increasing the tax levy for the purchase of more rock. Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to close the public hearing at 10:22 a.m. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-Nelsen to approve Resolution 2020-15 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2020-15**

**APPROVAL OF FY21 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY21 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

**WHEREAS**, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 10, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Service for FY21 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services --- \$3,028,344: an increase of 8.58% from FY20 request

Rural County Services --- \$2,338,355: an increase of 35.22% from FY20 request

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either

Dated this 10th day of March, 2020.

By: /s/ Rick Thompson  
Rick Thompson, Chairman  
Audubon County Board of Supervisors

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

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2020-16 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

**Resolution 2020-16**

Setting a date for a Public Hearing on 2020 Amendment to the Audubon County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area and Plan

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa (the "County") has created the Audubon County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area") and has approved an urban renewal plan for the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa requires that, before a county approves any new urban renewal project or adds new property to an urban renewal area, a county must amend the existing urban renewal plan to describe the new property and to include that new project; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the urban renewal plan for the Urban Renewal Area has been prepared which proposes to add new taxable property and describes new county road projects to be undertaken, along with a proposed economic development grant to Audubon County Economic Development; and it is necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on this proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board will meet at the County Courthouse, Audubon, Iowa, on April 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020 amendment to the Urban Renewal Area and plan

Section 2. Notice of the hearing shall be published, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in Audubon County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for hearing.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the proposed 2020 Amendment is hereby referred to the County Planning and Zoning Commission for its review, and the consultation process which is required under that section of the urban renewal law shall be carried out.

Passed and approved March 10, 2020.

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Joni Hansen, Deputy Auditor

The Board instructed the Auditor to send out notices to the schools within the urban renewal area.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update. Weekly activity: Closed GR 15 & 17 bridges, low boy trailer, bridge work, rocking shoulders, crushing concrete and blading roads.

Ryan Bervan and Andrea DeAngelo of Group Benefits Partners reviewed the ISAC Group Benefits Program – FY2021 and discussed changes that will be made.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to accept and file the Auditor's February month-end financial reports. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve an Amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Subscription License and Services Agreement dated November 27, 2019. Vote-all in favor. The Chairman recessed the meeting at 12:35 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The Board met with representatives with NextEra to discuss the proposed new wind turbines and transmission line. Much discussion was held regarding the route for the proposed 43 miles of transmission line as to where it will be located, could it be buried and how they decide where it is to be placed. Jack

Middleton of NextEra stated that participation by landowners is voluntary and that they have to follow guidelines set by the Iowa Utilities Board and the Code of Iowa. Steve Schmitz stated cities and counties can have their own wind ordinance and Todd Nelsen stated that Audubon County does have their own ordinance regarding wind towers. Discussion was also held regarding the one mile halo of the city limits of Audubon. NextEra representative Middleton stated that anyone can file an objection whether they are a landowner or not.

The Board convened as the Official Board of Canvassers for the first tier canvass held at 2:20 p.m. The Board canvassed the votes from the March 3, 2020 Special Audubon School election for the County of Audubon. The Board will continue with the second tier canvass to be held on March 17, 2020 to count the votes from the Audubon School voters in the County of Guthrie.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. Vote-all in favor.

  
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Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest:   
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Audubon County Deputy Auditor

