

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

April 14, 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 and Todd Nelsen. Others present were Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Joni Hansen, John Hansen, Chris Erlandson, Gary Riesgaard, Deb Campbell, and via Zoom - Lexi Christensen, Mitch Rydl, Chris Hemmingsen and via telephone – Dave Lake.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. John Hansen gave the custodial update and stated he is painting the back stairwell on the top floor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Gary Riesgaard discussed the hiring of his replacement as decided by his Board. Motion-Thompson Second-Nelsen to approve the hire of James Miller as Veterans Affairs Director to replace Gary Riesgaard. Vote-all in favor.

Lisa Frederiksen discussed the domain change regarding the county website with the Board. Lisa stated that we were directed by the Secretary of State that our website needed to be secure for elections. The annual fee for making it secure is \$185.00 and that there is a possibility that we would be reimbursed by the Secretary of State's office for this fee and that the SOS is reviewing this. A quote was received from Spinternet for between \$870.00 - \$1015.00 to change the domain to ia.gov. This will need to be discussed with ACED and we will also wait to hear back from the Secretary of State's office.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to accept and file MMP updates for Dan & Bill Christensen, ID#68467 and also for Greenflash RE LLC-Jorgensen Site, ID#64571.

Lexi Christensen, Exira City Clerk, and Treasurer Deb Campbell discussed the request of a tax abatement by the City of Exira for a parcel in the City of Exira, formerly owned by Joann Thompson. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the abatement of taxes to the City of Exira on parcel #051104010442. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was also held regarding a parcel in Hamlin.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve a map prepared by Mitch Rydl for the URA plan. Vote-all in favor.


The Board discussed the NFIP Enrollment materials and placed a call to Ken Bouma with the Iowa DNR and left a message.

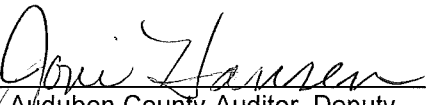
Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road update. Rydl stated that the Road Use Tax funding would be less and also Local Systems funding could possibly be down 30-40%. Weekly update: culvert and bridge work and also that a bridge inspection audit would be coming up. Rydl asked about the signing of timesheets by employees who are out and will email them for signatures. Discussion was held regarding a 2.5% wage increase for Chris Hemmingsen. Rydl stated that she would only be receiving a 2.5% increase in wage and the additional in the budget was for overtime. Wage increases for Corey Buck were also discussed and Rydl stated that he would receive the same increase as the union did and would also receive an increase on his anniversary date.

Todd Nelsen stated that Todd Johnson has asked as to whether the Board was going to issue a directive regarding wearing face masks due to COVID-19. The Board agreed that they would continue to follow the recommendation of the Public Health Administrator.

The Board reviewed a work-at-home policy that Marshall County had approved and felt that it was unnecessary to approve a policy. They placed a call to Dave Lake and asked if any equipment was damaged while at an employee's home if it would be covered under our insurance and Dave stated that it would be covered and that a policy would not be necessary for insurance purposes.

There being no further business, Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Vote-all in favor.


Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: 
Audubon County Auditor, Deputy