

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

July 28, 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, Becky Marten, John Hansen, Todd Johnson, Deb Campbell, Miranda Bills, Chris Erlandson, Mitch Rydl, Mike Brooks and Drug Dog Mechi and by Zoom: Courtney Nelson and Sarah Jennings.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion and payment of gov.Domain billing. Vote-all in favor.

John Hansen gave the Custodial update and would like to remove the cloth couch in the Board Room due to Covid requirements. This will be put up for bids. Discussion was held on the Attorney's request to remove the air conditioner in her present office and move it to her new office. After lengthy discussion the Board feels that it was the Attorneys wish to move offices and she will be gaining more space and therefore moving the air conditioner at this time isn't feasible. Possibly when time comes to replace air conditioner in her new office compensation might be made towards the purchase. No promises made at this time. Hansen also discussed re-asphalting the south drive at the Sheriff's Office. Blueprints were viewed and this will be discussed at budget time.

BOS update: no meetings but VanAernam reminded of "The Last Lap of the Year" to be held at Fairgrounds Friday, July 31, 2020.

Sara Slater of Economic Development discussed new signage and various projects such as scavenger hunts for children and an adult one to be held soon along the trail. Approval was given by the Supervisors to sponsor tourism for a grant application now being working on. Slater was praised for all the work they are doing in bringing tourists to Audubon County.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of July 21, 2020 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Sheriff Johnson met with the Board regarding the hiring of a full-time dispatcher. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve Resolution 2020-43. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2020-43

Be It Hereby Resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Lisa Powell, be hired as a Full-Time Dispatcher/Jailer for the Audubon County Sheriff's Office effective August 5th, 2020. She will be scheduled to work a minimum of 40 hours with the option to work overtime as needed to fill the schedule. Her starting hourly wage will be \$13.80 based on experience and then follow the union contract for pay increases as set. Dispatcher/Jailer wages and benefits shall follow that of the Union Contract.

Dated at Audubon this 28th day of July, 2020 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, VanAernam, Nelsen Nays: None

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairperson

/s/ Becky Marten, Clerk

Discussion held with Johnson and Auditor Frederiksen on the drug dog funding, past precedence and developing new potential policy to allow banking dog replacement costs before paying any other drug dog expenses out of this fund. Frederiksen stated she had set up a Project 009 to track the current costs and expenses for the new drug dog. Canine Handler Michael Brooks and dog Mechi were presented to the Supervisors. Mechi is a 5 month old female and currently has been to approximately 2 weeks of training.

Current bids for the typewriter stand were opened. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelson to award high bidder Janell Bluml typewriter stand.

Treasurer Deb Campbell presented the Investment Report for Supervisor's review. She also discussed current CDL training and Covid precautions and DOT's caution for discrimination. She will contact owner of training truck and explain the options available as to the limitation of tests being done and also the sanitizing that will be required following each drive.

Lengthy discussion was held with Attorney Sarah Jennings joining by Zoom on the pay increase for attorney staff member Hilaree Walter. Several CH employees also expressed concerns on this increase regarding Board's code authority to set these type of wages versus the elected officials' right to implement departmental pay policies and contracts with employees. Jennings stated she had promised Hilaree this pay raise when hiring her. Board reviewed/discussed minutes at hiring and at budget review time. Jennings did not feel office wages within the courthouse should be compared; but rather compare pay to other surrounding counties including Pottawattamie and Polk; although Board does not allow for elected official raises to follow these other counties. When questioned on whether board used a pay scale/policy in setting elected "non-deputy" wages –they replied no and they would usually do whatever a department head wanted. Motion-Nelson Second-Thompson to approve Resolution 2020-42 with the deletion of the phrasing of contractual promise/attorney pay policy, etc. as follows: Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2020-42

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that County Attorney staff member Hilaree Walter's hourly rate will be increased from \$18.00 per hour to \$19.00 per hour effective July 1, 2020.

Dated at Audubon this 28th day of July, 2020 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, VanAernam, Nelsen

Nays: None

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

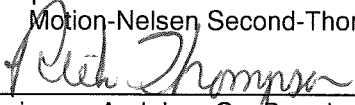
/s/ Rick Thompson, Chairperson

/s/ Becky Marten, Clerk

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to adopt the Drug Dog Policy (#-0030). This will allow a balance of \$10,000 for future replacement of the drug dog and any balance in excess of this amount will be used to cover training, equipment, supplies, etc. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave the Secondary Road report and employees are doing bridge work, hauling rock, culvert work. Surveying bridges is being done and bridge inspections are now being done monthly. He also discussed repairs being made to county vehicle #65. Also showed pictures and made the Supervisors aware of an upcoming project on ME16 bridge at 200 St East of Robin and South of F32. Bridge will need to be replaced.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to adjourn at 11:15 am.


Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: 
Audubon County Auditor, Clerk