

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2020

August 18, 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, Joni Hansen, John Hansen, Todd Johnson, Doug Sorensen, Chris Erlandson, Bob Nelson, Teresa Murray, Phil Mennenoh, Mitch Rydl, Kent Grabill, Sam Wendl, Hilaree Walter and via Zoom, Susanne Gerlach.

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

John Hansen gave the custodial update and stated he had a contractor look at moving the door upstairs and is waiting for a written estimate. Hansen also discussed contacting the Fire Department regarding access to keys if needed.

Todd Johnson stated that he had talked to human resource consultant Renee Von Bokern regarding the K9 fund policy and that she had suggested using a memo for clarification. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to rescind the K9 policy. Vote-all in favor. The Board inquired as to the year of Tahoes he would be trading in and what he was allowed for them to see if they could be an option for the EMA Director.

The Board asked Auditor Frederiksen about the deadline for ballots. Frederiksen questioned why the Board rescinded an accounting fund policy regarding budget items without discussing this with the Budget Director/State Auditor but instead consulted with our HR director. She also suggested that all county business should be done within the board meetings. Board assured Auditor that no business was done outside of meetings.

Doug Sorensen discussed why flashers are not available to the Sheriff deputies for roadside emergencies and hazards and the Board stated that Secondary Roads usually handles putting up signage.

Phil Mennenoh discussed the EMA Board having the authority to approve the purchase of a vehicle but that the Board of Supervisors have authority over the budget. To fit within the budget the Board discussed the purchase of 2015 Tahoe that the Sheriff will be trading in as a vehicle for the EMA Director. Mennenoh discussed damage from the windstorm and stated that everyone has power back on. He applied for disaster funds for individual assistance and there will be a press release regarding this and that it is not for public assistance. The Federal Declaration for Individual Assistance is still under review, FEMA #4557.

Motion-VanAernam, Second-Thompson to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Kim Johnson discussed the lactation room and an alternate location for jury selection if needed. The Board will be moving the door so that entry is accessible for lactation room/tornado shelter. Johnson discussed using the Agri-Hall for jury selection and will call Steve Randeris for availability.

Chris Erlandson informed the Board that the workers for the rewiring have started and would be working in the evenings and should be done within a month.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, the Emergency Management Director, E-911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$117,116.95. Vote-all in favor.

Kent Grabill, Weed Commissioner, stated Lyle Christensen has been contracted to do some spraying of trees along some roads. Grabill has contacted the FSA office and OCIA of Nebraska regarding right-of-ways. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve a Roadside right-of-way letter to be sent to a land owner. Vote-all in favor.

Board of Supervisor update – Discussed upcoming meetings for DCAT, Partnership for Children, Juvenile and Public Health. New Opportunities, Landfill and Wesco were meetings attended.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to accept and file the Clerk of Court's July Report of Fees. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to accept the resignation of Miranda Bills as ADA Coordinator. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to move the county attorney Jennings's security door in hallway upstairs back approximately six foot to allow access to the lactation room/tornado shelter and to pay expenses incurred out of Department 51 versus attorney department. Vote-all in favor.

Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Road weekly update and said they are doing bridgework, shoulder work on M66, blading and hauling rock to the stockpile. Work on N36 will soon begin, AU10 plans are due, and Oakfield 1 project is to start soon. Discussion was held regarding bridge railings and liability issues.

Bob Nelson and Teresa Murray discussed the CARES Act and discussed that Chris Hemmingsen submits to FEMA for supplies and wages go through the CARES Act and that the money received is based on population. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to approve Resolution 2020-44 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2020-44
RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND

A resolution by Audubon County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Audubon County requests reimbursement of \$69,678.33 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Audubon County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Audubon County on this 18th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Rick Thompson, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Joni Hansen, Deputy Auditor


Phil Mennenoh stated PPE has been delivered to the Audubon school district and sick cots to Exira-EHK schools.

Mitch Rydl and Sam Wendl met with the Board. Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(a). Vote-all in favor. Motion-Nelsen Second-VanAernam to go out of closed session at 11:09 a.m. Vote-all in favor. Rydl stated he had contacted Renee Von Bokern and is still waiting to hear back from her. Numerous options were discussed and will discuss further at the next board meeting.

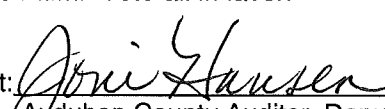
Suzanne Gerlach of PFM joined via Zoom and discussed the Tabulation of Proposals received from Exchange State Bank in Exira and Landmands Bank of Audubon. Motion-Nelsen Second-Thompson that Audubon County enter into a loan agreement with Exchange State Bank to purchase \$300,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bond Anticipation Project Note, Series 2020 at an interest rate of 1.00%. Vote-all in favor. Gerlach also stated there would be a meeting on September 8 regarding ratings.

Hilaree Walter of the Attorney's office discussed the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report. Motion-VanAernam Second-Nelsen to approve the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report. Vote-all in favor. The Board inquired as to 2.5% pay increase versus \$1.00 and Hilaree will bring a copy of her offer for employment letter she received and the Board will discuss more next week.

Motion- VanAernam Second-Nelsen to adjourn at 11:54 a.m. Vote-all in favor.



Chairman, Audubon Co. Board of Supervisors

Attest: 

Audubon County Auditor, Deputy