

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2023

August 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:04 am by Doug Sorensen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Todd Johnson, Chris Swensen, Chassity Musfeldt, Lisa Frederiksen, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Lisa Frederiksen, Deb Campbell, Amanda Kommes, Ben Linde, Gene Karstens, representatives from APEX Clean Energy: Jared Hershberger, Jarrod Deckstrum, and Drew Christensen.

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

The regular meeting went into Closed Session pursuant of Iowa Code 20.17 and 21.5 (1) g to discuss law enforcement/union matters with Sheriff. The closed session ended at 9:25 am.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve Resolution No. 2023-54 for the hiring of a new Full-Time Sheriff's Deputy. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2023-54

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that Jimmy James be hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff for Audubon County effective August 28th, 2023. His salary will start at 80% of the Sheriff's salary based on experience. Jimmy will also start with a week of vacation due to his certification and experience. This position will follow the union contract.

Dated at Audubon this 22nd day of August, 2023, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Sorensen, Thompson, Hansen

Nays: None

Doug Sorensen

Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Auditor Clerk

Gene Karstens joined the meeting to talk about the bike trail and the issues/concerns he has. He described the quality of the trail and the major issues with the trees that need to be removed. The Board discussed different options for removal of trees, and the pros and cons of each. Gene inquired if there was any type of emergency funding available for the removal of the Ash trees. Further discussion will be held next week with Conservation Director Bruce Haag. Deb Campbell and Miranda Bills gave input on the issue as well. Campbell asked if there had been any type of trail management/upkeep plan installed when the trail was first built. The Board stated that they would ask Bruce Haag at next week's meeting. Other questions that were asked included if Conservation has been budgeting for the upkeep of the trail, and if he will have a plan in place for upkeep when the trail gets fixed.

Three representatives for APEX Clean Energy joined the meeting at 10:00 am. They wanted to stop by to keep an open line of communication. They are hoping to eventually start a wind turbine project in the SW part of Audubon County. They were going to start talking to the landowners in the projected area this week. They will be giving a presentation at the upcoming landowner dinner. Several questions were asked regarding environmental studies, life expectancy of the turbines, turbine blade disposal, and how they analyze an area to see if it is a go. They encouraged questions and left business cards for inquiries. Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. He said the Board of

Adjustment met last Friday. Discussion was held on a road that was thought to have been vacated in 1971, but then amended shortly after. It has not been maintained until recently. More discussion will follow deciding what Classification the road will need to be. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve Resolution No. 2023-53 for Area Service "B" Road Classification. Vote-all in favor. In regards to the Area Service "B" Road Classification, Rydl said he was meeting with the utility companies this Thursday. Once the meeting is done and they know where the lines are at, they will be able to get the project started. Auditor Frederiksen answered questions regarding the need for a budget amendment.

RESOLUTION FOR AREA SERVICE "B" ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Audubon County

Resolution No. 2023-53

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on August 15th, 2023 following publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed change in Service Road Classification on the area service system in the County of the following sections of Audubon County Secondary Roads, described as follows:

Change to Area Service "B", a section of Falcon Ave. originally named County Road No. 400 established the 9th day of April 1891 (see Road Record Book D, Page 33) and County Road No. 368 established the 4th day of April 1888 (see Road Record Book D, Page 9). From the SE corner of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 11, T79N, R36W, thence south 300 feet along section line between sections 11 and 12 of Sharon Township (T79N, R36W), thence in a northwesterly direction following centerline of existing roadway 50 feet to the point of Beginning Level "B" Service. Thence following centerline of existing roadway and ending Level "B" Service at the south right-of-way of 230th Street.

WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be changed to an Area Service "B" Road Classification. All future maintenance of the subject section of road shall follow Chapter 41, Audubon County Ordinance Establishing the Area Service System "B" Road Classification.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of August, 2023.

Board of Supervisors Audubon County, Iowa

Doug Sorensen

Chassity Musfeldt

Doug Sorensen, Chairperson

Attest: Auditor Clerk

IT Director Ben Linde showed the Board the new conference phone and how to use it. He talked about getting quotes for a server room at the Secondary Roads location.

Update was given on the ACED Community Projects. As of 8-1-23 the following have been awarded: Audubon has been awarded \$300,00 to Audubon REC Center for business expansion and \$21,040 to Audubon Historical Society for events, meetings, and tours. Exira has been awarded Main Street Salon \$5,000 for business expansion, B Petersen \$1,200 for business expansion, Exira Car Wash \$10,000 for

new business, B Asberry \$10,000 for new business, M Paulsen \$2,465 for housing project, and Stick It PLLC \$2,000 for business expansion. Gray has been awarded \$4,900 to the Gray Betterment- School for tours, meetings, and events and \$6,488 to the Rose Garden for weddings & tours. Brayton & Kimballton have no awards to date.

Treasurer Deb Campbell discussed investment reports and interest rates. She said the rates have gone up some. She mentioned that the Opioid money must be in its own bank account to keep track of the interest, so she had to move it to a different bank. Campbell told the Board about an impending issue that needs addressed sooner than later regarding the CDL test site. Amanda Kommes, Deputy Treasurer, joined in conversation about the changes and issues with CDL testing. New regulations state that the area for the testing must be 260 feet long by 60 feet wide, and the current location is about 20 feet short. They have until the end of October/ first of November to find a solution or new site. They are very concerned about this because there are limited to no foreseeable options for a testing area that don't present other issues. The County does a very high number of CDL tests throughout the year and would like to be able to keep offering them.

Motion-Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the Hamlin Feedmill LLC Development Agreement. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to accept/file the Clerk of Court fees for the Month of July 2023. The Valley Business Park Corporation had a meeting to close out the corporation. Part of the procedure of closing it out includes closing out the bank account. Discussion was held on what account to code the remaining funds to. They asked Auditor Frederiksen if she had any suggestions as to what fund to put it into. It was decided that it will go into General Basic and will figure out what to do with it at a later date. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve putting the Valley Business Park Corporation funds into the General Basic account. Vote-all in favor.

Attorney Chris Swensen came in to discuss a letter from the DOT about a bridge they would like to replace. This may push into the bike trail area, or close to it. DOT had sent paperwork to sign, but no action has been taken until the Board consults with Conservation Director Bruce Haag next week.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the minutes of August 15th, 2023. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Hansen Second- Sorensen to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. Vote-all in favor.

Doug Sorensen

Audubon County Board of Supervisors



Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Auditor Clerk

