

January 2nd, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Present were Doug Sorensen, Rick Thompson, Heath Hansen, Lisa Frederiksen, Chassity Musfeldt, Diana Munch, Cliff Barker, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Shannon Cece via phone and Russ Carew via phone.

Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Hansen Second- Thompson to approve the minutes of December 27th, 2023. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Hansen to approve the 2024 Courthouse Holiday Closings as follows: New Year's Day 2024 (1-2-24), Memorial Day (5-27-24), Fourth of July (7-4-24), Labor Day (9-2-24), Veteran's Day (11-11-24), Thanksgiving Day (11-28-24) & Day After Thanksgiving (11-29-24), Christmas Day (12-25-24) & Day After Christmas (12-26-24), and New Years Day 2025 (1-1-25). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Supervisor Heath Hansen as Board of Supervisor Chairman for 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Thompson to approve Supervisor Doug Sorensen as Vice Chairman for 2024. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to appoint Susan Osvald to the Planning & Zoning Board. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to appoint Chase Petersen & Abby Rasmussen to the Board of Health. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve increasing the Sheriff Service Mileage rate to .67 cents per mile with resolution as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2024-4

Be it hereby resolved by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors, that the allowable reimbursement rate for Civil Service mileage be set at 67 cents per mile, per IRS, effective 1-1-2024.

Dated at Audubon , this 2nd day of January 2024, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Sorensen, Hansen, Thompson

Nays: None

Audubon County Board of Supervisors:

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson

Attest:

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the employee mileage rate reimbursement increase to 58.5 cents per mile. Vote-all in favor. Discussion was held on the appointment of the Conservation Board members. It was suggested that a Supervisor should be on that Board. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to appoint Peggy Smalley to the Board of Conservation. Supervisors agreed that at least one of them will attend the Conservation meetings until another spot opens for one of them to take. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the increase of Employee Meal Reimbursement rates to the following: \$11- breakfast, \$13- lunch, and \$18 for dinner. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the regular Board of Supervisors meetings be held every Tuesday in the Board of Supervisors room at 9:00 am with the exception of changing the June 4th meeting to the 5th and the November 5th meeting to the 6th due to Primary & General Election dates. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the Audubon Advocate Journal as the legal newspaper for publications. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve Heath Hansen as Safety Director. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to open the FY24 Budget Amendment Hearing Process. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to pay only the itemized Conservation meal receipts for reimbursement with the exclusion of alcohol. Vote-all in favor. No comments were made during the Budget Hearing Process. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to close the Budget Hearing at 10:18 am. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Sorensen Second- Thompson to approve the Resolution #2024-01 adopting a budget amendment for FYE June 30, 2024 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO 2024-01

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS Audubon County approved by a motion/vote the FY24 budget at the March 28, 2023, board meeting and signed the corresponding certification and thereafter an amendment on August 8, 2023 and October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS Audubon County subsequently published and approved by a motion/vote the FY24 proposed budget amendment in the manner set out by Iowa Code Section 331.435 on with public notice placed in the December 22, 2023 Audubon County Advocate Journal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that in compliance with Iowa Code Section 331.434 (5) the FY23 Audubon County budget amendment is hereby formally approved as published and as presented.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

By: /s/ Heath Hansen

ATTEST: /s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon Co Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the budget amendment appropriation resolution #2024-02 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024- 02

WHEREAS on this day, the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County amended the current county budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and has published the amendment according to the law, and

WHEREAS it is now desired to amend the appropriations for the departments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that the appropriations be amended effective January 2, 2024 as follows:

Nondepartmental (Dept 99 --- Function 1230 – Fund 0002) increase	\$ 3,000
Nondepartmental (Dept 99 --- Function 0100 – Fund 0001) increase	\$ 27,627
Nondepartmental (Dept 99 --- Function 0100 – Fund 2000)decrease	\$ -27,627
Nondepartmental (Dept 99 --- Function 0100 – Fund 0001) increase	\$ 135,457
Nondepartmental (Dept 99 --- Function 0100 – Fund 2000)decrease	\$ -135,457
Auditor (Dept 02 – Function 9010 – Fund 0001) increase	\$ 7,500
Auditor (Dept 02 – Function 8000 – Fund 0002) increase	\$ 2,500
Public Health (Dept 23 – Function 3040 – Fund 0001) increase	\$ 81,832
Conservation (Dept 22 – Function 0220 – Fund 1500) increase	\$ 337,000

Passed and approved this 2nd day of January 2024 with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

By: /s/Heath Hansen

Attest: /s/ Lisa Frederiksen

Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

Audubon County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the Supervisors staying on all of their current Boards for 2024- as follows:

Doug Sorensen: Cherokee Citizens Advisory Board; Synergy Center Board; Decategorization Board-Local Planning Group and Governance Board; Audubon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee; REAP Committee; Audubon Co. Economic Development; CABEDA (I-80/HWY 71 Business Park) Board; Hungry Canyon-Loess Hills; Assessor’s Conference Board; HIPAA; SW DHS Services Area Advisory Board; Heart of Iowa Community Services Regional Board (MH) alternate; Region XII Revolving Loan Fund Committee and East and West Nishnabotna Watershed Coalition.

Rick Thompson: WESCO, Audubon County Landfill Commission; Audubon County Enterprise Zone Board; Region XII Council of Government L.E.O. Board; M&M Divide RC&D Board; DHS Cluster Board; Region XII Council of Government Policy Council; Assessor’s Conference Board; Audubon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee; REAP Committee; Audubon County Board of Health; Audubon County Safety Committee; Southwest Iowa Sheltered Workshop County Board; Heart of Iowa Community Services Regional Board (MH).

Heath Hansen: Audubon County Security Committee; Adult Correction Services; Juvenile Emergency Service; Audubon County Emergency Management Board; Audubon County E911 Board; Region XII County of Government

Policy Committee; New Opportunities Inc.; Decategorization Board-Governance Board Alternate; REAP Committee; Assessor's Conference Board; Audubon County Safety Committee; Audubon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee; Tourism Board; 4th Judicial District Department of Correctional Service Board; Audubon County Safety Committee.

Recorder Miranda Bills discussed the compensation board representatives. Discussion was had regarding members of various boards being able to serve if they are not residents of Audubon County.

Engineer Mitch Rydl gave the Secondary Roads Maintenance and Construction updates. He said they have several meetings and trainings in the upcoming week. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the rescinding of the previous meeting's motion to accept the resignation of Secondary Roads Superintendent. Vote-all in favor.

At 11:00 am Public Discussion was opened regarding the Proposal to enter into General Fund Loan Agreement. No comments were made from the public. At 11:20 am the discussion was closed. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve the resolution #2024-03 to Approve Resolution Taking Additional Action to Discuss Proposal to Enter a General Fund Loan Agreement as follows. Vote-all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO.2024-04

Resolution Taking Additional Action to Discuss Proposal to Enter a General Fund Loan Agreement

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Audubon County, Iowa (the "County"), heretofore proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the "General Fund Loan Agreement") in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa for the general county purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of undertaking improvements, repairs and renovations at the County Courthouse, including, but not limited to, an HVAC system overhaul (the "Project"), and has published notice of the proposed action and has held a discussion meeting thereon on January 2, 2024;

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

Section 1. The Board hereby determines to defer further action to enter into the Loan Agreement until the expiration of a 30-day period following the date of this meeting, January 2, 2024, within which a petition may be filed asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County. The last day on which such a petition may be submitted for consideration shall be February 1, 2024.

Section 2. Further action with respect to the Loan Agreement is hereby adjourned to the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 6, 2024.

Section 3. All resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved January 2, 2024.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/Lisa Frederiksen

County Auditor

Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (G). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to go out of closed session at 12:09 pm. Vote-all in favor. A phone call with Shannon Cece and Russ Carew with Graphite construction was made to discuss the upcoming meeting. Graphite said they are confident that they can work with the Courthouse to accommodate the schedule for the HVAC project. More discussion will follow at tomorrow's meeting. Motion- Thompson Second- Sorensen to approve claims for payment as submitted by various departments and listed in a separate publication in the amount of \$137,339.34. Vote-all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Audubon County Auditor Clerk

