

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:12 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Heath Hansen, Chassity Musfeldt, Jim Ricahrdson, David Weiderstein, Gareth Stouffer, Miranda Bills, Shawn Deist, Steve Randeris, Mike Blum, Tyler Thygesen, Becky Marten, and Mitch Rydl.

Judge Jim Richardson and Attorney David Weiderstein presented a 250th Anniversary Flag from the Audubon Bar Association to be flown at the Courthouse. Supervisors accepted the flag and took a picture with Richardson and Weiderstein. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Public Comment was opened at 9:13. Gareth Stouffer with APEX/JCG Land gave an update on the Wind Turbine project. Chairman Grabill discussed the Ragbrai vendors that are wanting to set up outside of the Exira City limits. Meg Andersen, Exira City Clerk, called in to discuss the process Exira is using to approve vendors. Andersen said they would be willing to add a page to their Google sheets for the Ragbrai planning to include the rural portion for the County. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve using the same rates as Exira's vendor fees and having Exira City receive the vendor applications. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Grabill stressed the importance of having a map laying out the vendors for EMA, Sheriff's Department, and Secondary Roads.

The meeting was moved into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(I) at 9:31 am. The closed session ended at 10:03 am. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to offer the Custodian/Maintenance position to Shawn Deist. Vote-all in favor. The Public Hearing was opened at 10:03 am for the extension on the temporary moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems and a temporary moratorium on Data Centers located within Audubon County. Steve Randeris, Mike Blum, and EMA Director Thygesen discussed the issues/concerns of having a Data Storage Center or Battery Energy Storage System within the County. Mike Blum discussed a data center located within Manning, Iowa that is air cooled and is doing well within the community. Blum provided a contact for Supervisors to reach out to regarding the center. The Public Hearings were closed at 10:35 am.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve payment #1 for the Mockingbird HMA Paving Project. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2026-24 to hire Chase St. Peter as a Grade 2 Classification, Equipment Operator B as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2026-24

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Chase St. Peter be hired as Grade 2 Classification, Equipment Operator B for the Secondary Roads Department effective May 11th, 2026. Hourly wage will be \$23.60 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local Union #2003. Insurance coverage shall begin July 1st, 2026.

Passed and approved this 5th day of May 2026.

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Kent Grabill

ATTEST By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the utility permit for Mediacom S3/10 (170th St), T80N, R35W (Leroy Township). Vote-all in favor. Three contractors submitted bids for the LE-8 Bridge Replacement Project. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve/award Gus Construction for the LE-8 Bridge Replacement Project as they were the apparent low bidder. Vote-all in favor.

Motion- Hansen Second-Mosinski to approve Resolution 2026-25 to authorize an extension to the temporary moratorium on utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2026-25

A resolution authorizing an extension to the temporary moratorium on utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302 requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County currently does not have a specific ordinance pertaining to utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS); and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting residents' life, health, and safety as well as safeguarding the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate zoning standards;
WHEREAS, the Audubon Board of Supervisors and the Planning & Zoning Commission will require additional time to gather information and coordinate with different agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to utility-scale BESS development;
WHEREAS, a public hearing on and reading of a resolution imposing a temporary extension moratorium on utility-scale BESS was held at 10:00 a.m., on May 5th, 2026, in the Audubon County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that Audubon County now imposes a temporary moratorium on accepting or processing any applications for the construction of utility-scale BESS, effective immediately and until May 1, 2027; or until passage of a permanent Utility Scale BESS Development ordinance.

ADOPTED in Audubon County, Iowa on Tuesday the 5th day of May, 2026.

/s/Kent Grabill

Kent Grabill, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chassity Musfeldt, Auditor Clerk

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2026-27 to authorize a temporary moratorium on commercial data centers as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2026-27

A resolution authorizing a temporary moratorium on commercial Data Centers

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302 requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County currently does not have a specific ordinance pertaining to commercial Data Centers; and
WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting residents' life, health, and safety as well as safeguarding the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate zoning standards;
WHEREAS, commercial Data Centers is defined as a facility consisting of one or more buildings (whether constructed simultaneously or in separate phases) used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations. Data Storage Center included commercial cryptocurrency mining operations and processing.
WHEREAS, the Audubon Board of Supervisors and the Planning & Zoning Commission will require additional time to gather information and coordinate with different agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to commercial Data Center development;
WHEREAS, a public hearing on and reading of a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on commercial Data Centers was held at 10:15 a.m., on May 5th, 2026, in the Audubon County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa, that Audubon County now imposes a temporary moratorium on accepting or processing any applications for the construction of commercial Data Centers effective immediately and until May 1, 2027; or until passage of a permanent Data Center Development ordinance.

ADOPTED in Audubon County, Iowa on Tuesday the 5th day of May, 2026.

/s/Kent Grabill

Kent Grabill, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chassity Musfeldt, Auditor Clerk

Supervisors discussed concerns about an employee not communicating when they are working remotely or arriving late. Supervisors would like this topic added to next week's agenda to speak with the employee and the

possibility of a closed session if the employee requests it. Motion- Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to accept/file the Recorder's April 2026 Report of Fees Collected. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the DNR MMP Annual Update/Changes for KENO Farms VII LLC- Dove Finisher Farm #69332. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2026-26 Auditor Clerk FY27 Wage as follows. Vote-Aye: Hansen, Grabill Nay: Mosinski.

Resolution 2026-26

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that effective July 1, 2026, Chassity Musfeldt hourly rate be increased to \$25.00/hour as Auditor Clerk. Benefits will continue to follow the Audubon County Handbook accordingly.

Dated at Audubon County, Iowa this 5th day of May 2026.

/s/Kent Grabill

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Audubon County, Iowa

ATTEST

By: /s/Lisa Frederiksen

Audubon County Auditor

Discussion was held on the Custodian/Maintenance position and drafting a contract prior to the hiring resolution. The work schedule and compensation time/over time were also discussed. Supervisor Hansen gave updates on the recent Courthouse closure due to the sewer cleanouts being installed. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$66,798.00 and published in a sperate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

/S/Kent Grabill

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk