

September 15th, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Heath Hansen, Chassity Musfeldt, Corey Eberling, Rick Thompson, Doug Sorenson, Shawn Deist, Tiffany Henkle, Todd Johnson, Mitch Rydl, Robert Malloy, Chris Swensen, and Lisa Frederiksen.

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the following DNR Annual Updates/Changes for the following: Rose Acre Farms (Guthrie Center Egg Farm) # 61163 & Matthew Halbur #59813. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the meeting minutes of 9-15-26. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$153,756.80 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor

Public Comment was opened at 9:16 am. Former Supervisors Doug Sorensen and Rick Thompson joined the meeting and said if any of the current Supervisors have questions on past decisions/topics, to reach out and they would gladly discuss. Sorensen inquired about the ACED funding. Supervisors explained it was not entirely cut out of the FY27 budget but has been lowered to \$25,0000. Mosinski explained that since the County did not previously have an agreement with ACED, they have been working with them to get one implemented and signed with all the requested information. Grabill updated on the East/West Nishnabotna Committee and said they have been having a hard time getting a quorum to hold meetings. Corey Eberling with Coyote Willow Wind/APEX said they will be attending Audubon's career day for students. The upcoming harvest meals will be Wednesday, October 14th starting at 11:00 am until gone, in Jacksonville and Brayton, and will be available for all farmers.

Custodian Shawn Deist gave an update for the 90-day review. Deist presented a binder of before and after pictures from projects he has already completed.

Planning & Zoning Director Tiffany Henkle discussed a recent Board of Adjustment meeting for an individual wanting to parcel off a section of land to create an easement for a cell phone tower. The Board of Adjustments approved the variance, and the landowner will have 90 days to make a final decision. The Planning and Zoning Commission met back in August to discuss making changes to the current ordinances. The first change would consist of changing the board from a 7-member to a 5-person board, as it is hard to find individuals to fill the positions, and has not been a full board for a few years. The second potential change would be the tower height limits. A full copy of the proposed changes is available to view in the Auditor's Office. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved these changes, and now they will need the Board of Supervisors to approve a Public Hearing for the proposed changes to be implemented. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve Resolution 2026-63 to set a Public Hearing for the Ordinance changes as follows. Vote-all in favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE**Resolution for Audubon County Zoning Ordinance Amendments Public Hearing****Audubon County****Resolution No. 2026 -63**

WHEREAS, a request from the Audubon County Planning and Zoning Commission has been filed with the Audubon County Board of Supervisors asking that action be taken to amend the Audubon County Zoning Ordinance, described as follows:

- 1) Amend Chapter 22 Tower Placement Regulations:
 - a. Add "human-occupiable residence" to the definitions section.
 - b. Change "dwelling" to "human-occupiable resident" throughout Chapter 22.
 - c. Update the height limitation in A-1 & A-2 from 500 feet to 750 feet.
 - d. Modify additional height "not to exceed 150%" to 110%.
- 2) Amend Article 24 Planning & Zoning Commission:
 - a. Change "seven (7) members" to "five (5) members" throughout Article 24.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on the proposed action will be held in the Board Room at the Audubon County Courthouse, Audubon, IA 50025 at 10:00 am on October 13th, 2026, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306, 331.361, and 354.23.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of September 2026.

Board of Supervisors - Audubon County, Iowa

/s/Kent Grabill

Kent Grabill, Chairperson

ATTEST By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chassity Musfeldt, Auditor Clerk

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the publication of Public Notice. Vote-all in favor.

Sheriff Johnson presented the contract pay-off for the new Deputy Sheriff hired last month. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the appointment for the As-Needed Deputy Sheriff William McDonald. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the Deputy Sheriff pay-off contract for Tyler Mollhoff. Vote-all in favor.

Engineer Rydl gave construction and maintenance updates. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the IDOT Federal-aid Agreement for CHBP Project NO: BROS-C005(83)—8J-05 (Local Bridge ID: OA8). Vote-all in favor. Motion- Mosinski Second- to approve Pay Estimate #5 for the East Side Dr Project. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the utility permit application for Casey Mutual Telephone Company Section 25, Audubon Township. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Hiring Resolution 2026-62 for Equipment Operator B as follows. Vote-all in favor.

Resolution 2026-62

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Audubon County Board of Supervisors that Jesse Baier be hired as Equipment Operator B, 2 Year column, for the Secondary Roads Department effective September 28th, 2026. Hourly wage will be \$25.81 with benefits as per the contract between Audubon County and Public, Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local Union #2003. Insurance coverage shall begin November 1st, 2026. Passed and approved this 22nd day of September 2026.

/s/Kent Grabill

Audubon County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

ATTEST

Rydl updated the Supervisors on the Courthouse alley project. The project is open for contractors to submit bids, and is advertised in the local newspaper.

At 10:30 the agreement between ACED and Audubon County was discussed. Supervisor Mosinski attended the ACED monthly meeting last Friday and said they would be happy to provide any additional information that is requested for the agreement. A local resident joined the meeting and said he had reached out to ACED to apply for funding for an economic development project, but was told there were no funds left, and to contact Region XII. Mosinski said they had discussed this potential applicant at the ACED meeting last week and was under the assumption that ACED encouraged the individual to apply. Supervisors will follow up with ACED on the matter.

Auditor Frederiksen gave an ISAC update on the new valuations that will be taking place. A few changes include the EMA budget that will need to be at a set rate, and the Local Effort funding having a minimum of 51% to be given. Frederiksen presented a spreadsheet on the current Local Effort funding given to Secondary Roads, and said if percentages were reduced, we would be able to reduce the County levy rate. Frederiksen is currently working on the Urban Renewal Report and TIF certification that are due December 1st, 2026. The upcoming budget preparations were discussed. Frederiksen advised keeping any upcoming changes to benefits/insurance in mind when working on the FY28 budget. A list of requested information for the ACED agreement was provided from the Auditor's Office.

/s/Kent Grabill

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk