

September 29th, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Heath Hansen, Chassity Musfeldt, Corey Eberling, Sarah Jensen, Mitch Rydl, Cally Christensen, Dave Hansen, Clint Fichter-phone, Brooke Hansen, Shawn Deist, Tyler Thygesen, Jeremy Wittrock, Todd Johnson, Bernie Vais, Mike Seager, Derek Dixon, Ben Linde, Tom Allan, Jotham Arber, Diana Munch, Lisa Frederiksen, and Tiffany Henkle.

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Sarah Jensen with the County Attorney's Office discussed October being Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. They would like approval to put purple lights out at the Courthouse during the month of October for awareness and will have purple lights available for anyone in the Public who would like to participate. Jensen said there will be a group photo with any Courthouse employees who would like to participate and wear purple next Tuesday. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve purple lights displayed at the Courthouse during the month of October. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the General Relief invoice for cremation assistance in the amount of \$600.00. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the following DNR Annual MMP changes/updates: Ben Klocke- Danny Anthofer #67953; NJO LLC #64957; Newell Pig II #61310; Currituck LLC #57969; Lawrence Handlos-Tessman #65436; Handlos Andersen #612468; Handlos-Bruch #71333; Handlos-Zaiger SW #62467; Handlos-Arnold #67383 & Handlos-Shaw #64099. Vote-all in favor.

Public Comment was opened at 9:15 am. Corey Eberling with Coyote Willow Wind/APEX said they didn't have any new updates this week to report.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$190,987.49 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor.

At 9:30 am, the City of Brayton was represented by Cally Christensen, Dave Hansen, Brooke Hansen and Clint Fichter-phone. The County T Road Reconstruction project costs were discussed and repayment amount/plan. Engineer Rydl presented a slideshow of the project expenses and maps. Road use funds to Brayton have been withheld by the County. Christensen inquired about TIF funds that could have potentially been used towards the project, but Rydl believed at the time there were no TIF funds available. Attorney Fichter recommended a 28E agreement would be the way to go to allow the County jurisdiction to maintain the road and keep the Road Use Funds, which are normally around \$6,000/year. Rydl explained costs, and what the total balance Brayton would be responsible for, which ended up being around \$36,000. The pros and cons of having the county take over jurisdiction of the road/snow removal were discussed. Rydl said the County would run 6 am-6 pm schedules during snow removal, and that could cause an issue for that area if they are used to having it cleared outside of that timeframe. City Attorney Fichter will get something in writing over to the County, and Brayton said they will move forward and have the County take over the snow removal and see how it goes. Supervisors will consult with the County Attorney. Brayton and Supervisors agreed the current 28E agreement needs to be terminated.

Jeremy Wittrock, with Nelson Electric, discussed the generator switch box replacement, and recent findings. To replace the transfer switch, the utility power would need to be killed. There are three transformers hanging on the pole outside, but they feed several other locations besides the Courthouse, so the line would need to be severed to the Courthouse, and once this is done, Mid America will not reconnect because the transfer switch is located in the Courthouse basement, and everything will have to be brought up to code, and a whole new 800 amp service to come into the building. This would be much more extensive of a project than originally planned. The rough estimate to complete this could be around \$80,00-\$100,000. Supervisors will contact Mid America to see if there are any other options around this. Wittrock will get a quote put together for Supervisors.

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to accept/file the resignation letter of Equipment Operator B Tyson Partridge. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to accept/file the resignation of Crew Leader Brandon Hansen. Vote-all in favor. Rydl said his plan is not to hire back another Crew Leader for Hansen's position and will advertise for a Patrol Operator to help the budget, reduce manpower and still be efficient. Bernie Vais stopped by the meeting to inquire about the Quail Avenue Road condition. It has been heavily traveled since the interstate bridge is currently being repaired and Vais had safety concerns on the condition of it. Engineer Rydl

said they were just down there last week blading and will be out blading again as soon as they can.

At 11:10 am Snowfox Discovery met with Supervisors to give updates on the hydrogen project. Tom Allan introduced two new Snowfox Discovery team members, Derek Dixon and Mike Seager. Dixon and Seager explained their roles within Snowfox. Tom Allen presented a slideshow on the potential hydrogen project located in Audubon County. The main goal is to produce local and low-cost hydrogen to produce ammonia. They have signed over 10,000 acres within Audubon County and have completed the lease signing in June 2026. Allan said since the last meeting with the County, their confidence in the project and finding hydrogen has gone up. The target drilling date is set for 2027. Currently, the team is reviewing seismic data from the past to help find the strongest drilling location. Environmental studies will be thoroughly completed before anything is started. They plan to give another update in November.

Jotham Arber gave Public Health updates and services provided during the month of August 2026. The first free clinic open house was held this past Saturday. Moving forward, they will be having monthly free clinics. Mobile flu shots will be offered for those who are unable to get out to get one. Arber is applying to become the district lead for District 4. This would help provide overall guidance to District 4's Public Health Departments and make sure as much money as possible is given back to the local communities. The deadline for Arber to apply for this is October 8th. The 28E agreement with the DNR to permit wells will be expiring October 28, 2026. Chapter 39 moved into Chapter 40 and Audubon County will need to document this change in their new agreement. The new agreement will need to be signed before November. Arber will need to discuss this with the County Attorney to see what procedures are necessary for implementing the update. Well testing is going very well, and he wants to do some more advertising regarding this. They have a new mental health provider starting and want to work with the schools to collaborate and have kids be able to access these services. Jotham mentioned when our recodification is complete this will take care of old agreement expiring. Arber recommends getting this done sooner than later.

Supervisors reviewed the Custodian wage resolution. This resolution is a follow up to the 90-day review. Deist provided Supervisors a binder of before and after projects that have been completed, along with a list of everything he has been working on. Mosinski would like all new employees to receive the same leave compensations and the resolution stating it would follow the handbook. An updated custodial job description/agreement was discussed and will be proposed next week. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the meeting minutes of 9-22-26. Vote-all in favor. Mosinski gave an update from ACED regarding the citizen recently inquiring about funding. ACED said the grant funding the individual had asked for has all been allocated, but they could submit an application to potentially receive different funding that would require committee approval. Supervisors would like ACED to reach out to this individual to let them know about this.

Auditor Frederiksen presented a spreadsheet of the bond proceeds and capital projects balance. Frederiksen explained the projected balances after transfers and the Courthouse alley project estimate. The Department of Revenue confirmed that the new minimum of the Local Effort amounts has changed from 75% to 51% due to the reason that legislation may push down County levies. It was suggested that Supervisors keep this in mind when working on the upcoming budgets/cuts. Frederiksen had reached out to Simmering Corey regarding the status of the ordinances to see why it's not progressing. She reminded Supervisors it is supposed to be done every five years and hasn't been since 2011. Frederiksen inquired about having Auditor Clerk Musfeldt handle the Courthouse Employees or all County Employees Title VI training to alleviate overtime from the current Title VI Coordinator. Frederiksen will be attending an upcoming class regarding the new House File valuation changes. The ACED spreadsheet and agreement were discussed between Supervisors, Auditor's Office, and the Attorney's Office. The list of questions and information will be discussed at next week's meeting with ACED. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

/s/Kent Grabill

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk