

Burn ban

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If water restrictions return to red, the burn ban may be reinstated.

Residents must notify the Audubon County Dispatch Center at 712-563-2631 before conducting any controlled burns.

All Audubon County residents are reminded to sign up for Alert Iowa, which will be used to deliver any priority or emergency messages related to community events, as well as severe weather alerts and additional emergency information. You can sign up for free at: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action>.

For additional information related to the Avoca Regional Water boil advisory, conservation restrictions or for support with potable drinking water, contact the RWRWA office at 712-343-2413. To sign up for RWRWA alerts: ALERTS | Regional Water Rural Water Association

Shooting

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the stolen handgun. The deputy retreated for cover behind his patrol car, and Rayford retreated to the front of the sedan. Upon hearing “shots fired” on the radio, Martinson left the SUV (whose driver did not know Rayford and had been following him because his own speedometer was broken) and circled his patrol pickup behind the deputy’s patrol car to provide cover.

Numerous other law-enforcement officers arrived in response to that call. An Adel Police Department officer approaching in the westbound lanes slowed when he

was parallel to Rayford’s vehicle and shone a light toward it to locate him. Rayford stood up and fired multiple shots at him. The officer was not hit and positioned himself with the other officers behind the Stuart officer’s pickup.

A deputy soon saw Rayford at the front passenger side of the sedan and ordered him to show his hands. Instead, Rayford ducked back in front of the car. Rayford then dashed across the interstate to, and then across, the median, shooting at the officers as he crossed the lanes. An officer returned fire, but

it was unclear if Rayford was hit.

Rayford ignored multiple commands to drop his gun, instead dropping to the ground. Rayford then stood up again with his hands up and the gun no longer visible.

As officers approached the median, Rayford continued standing on the shoulder with his hands in the air. When the drone light was activated to light the scene, they could see the handgun laying at Rayford’s feet. Rayford ignored commands to “back up” and “get away from the gun.” When DeFrancisco was within a few feet of him,

Rayford reached down, picked up the gun, and pointed it at the officers. Several officers fired on Rayford, and he died at the scene.

During the entire incident, traffic continued to pass in both directions on the interstate. Both the Dallas County patrol car and the Stuart Police Department pickup were hit with multiple bullets.

The report is issued under the Attorney General’s independent authority under Iowa Code section 13.12 to investigate or prosecute conduct of law enforcement that results in death.

Theft

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IA insta-play machine and scan the ticket to see if it was a winner. If it was a winning ticket, he would ring it up, pay for it, then scan the ticket to pay himself the winnings. If the ticket was a loser, he would discard the ticket into the trash and not pay for it. He also alleged Krieger was also taking physical tickets from the lottery scratch-off display and playing them in the same

manner. Audubon Police informed Krieger he would be arrested, he was taken into custody and transported to the Audubon County Sheriff’s Office. Krieger asked for a lawyer and also told officers he had a bad gambling problem.

According to Iowa Courts Online, Krieger was charged with two counts of lottery forgery or theft of ticket, and Krieger was said to have

posted bond, which was set at \$5,000 on May 6 on his own recognizance. The counts are considered to be Class D Felonies. Reports say an arrangement hearing is scheduled for June 16, and if convicted, Krieger could face a maximum sentence of up to 10 years and over \$20,000 in fines.

Legal Notice

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 27th, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:03 am by Vice Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Don Mosinski, Kent Grabill, Lisa Frederiksen, Diana Munch, Chassity Musfeldt, Mitch Rydl, Jotham Arber, Gareth Stouffer, Miranda Bills, Joel Rattenborg, Mike Blum, and Chris Swensen. Heath Hansen-absent.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Supervisor Grabill gave an update from the Wellness Committee. The Walk the Trail event had a great family turnout. The next potential date for a family Wellness event will be August 23rd, 2025 at Littlefield Park. Departments were reminded to get their online and physical assessments done. Grabill welcomed Melissa Thygesen to the Wellness Committee. She will represent the Sheriff’s Department.

Jotham Arber gave a Public Health update for the month of April 2025. Environmental Health is currently working with EMA Director Thygesen for the rural residents that have been impacted by the Regional Water issues. Residents with wells on their property are encouraged to hook them up if they had been disconnected. Environmental Health can also help with well rehabilitation and offers free water testing. There are options to have the well water ran to the house or hook into the current water system. As of now, they have 13 wells they will be hooking up. Arber highly recommends implementing any strategic long-term solutions if possible. Public Health & Audubon EMA have been implementing a lot of emergency plans for the county in case they are needed with the water crisis in the upcoming months. Beacon website should have all the septic systems attached to parcels by the end of August. Arber discussed the future of Medicaid and potential funding cuts impacting those making over the threshold to qualify for benefits. Public Health will try to offset some of the primary care costs where possible.

Public Comment was opened at 9:19. Gareth Stouffer with Coyote Willow/APEX Wind Turbine project asked if there were any questions about the project. He said everything is moving along as expected. HR Attorney Galloway reviewed the Custodian work schedule/comp time resolution. He advised that the handbook information covers this, so he felt a resolution wasn’t needed. Galloway recommended that the Department Heads (Supervisors) of the Custodian need to clarify expectations and intent. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the meeting minutes of 5-20-25. Vote-all in favor. A phone call was made to Fred at Behrens Tate to have the arbitrage services explained. The firm will look at any interest earnings on the bonds and determine if any payments are owed to the IRS. They will follow up with an email to the Auditor and Treasurer’s offices with the information needed to start the process. This is a requirement by the IRS. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve using Behrens Tate firm as recommended by PFM for the arbitrage service. Vote-all in favor.

At 10:00 am a meeting was held between Supervisors, HR Attorney Galloway, and Union Representative Joel Rattenborg in regards to a Union Grievance filed by Rattenborg. HR Attorney Galloway started the meeting by reading the form and giving an overview of the grievance. All of the emails between Supervisors, Engineer Rydl, Rattenborg, and Auditor’s Office were provided. Rattenborg was then given the opportunity to explain the reasoning on why he filed the grievance. On May 15th, it was noticed that the longevity pay, affecting 6 employees that are eligible to receive this at Secondary Roads, was not included on the March-April paycheck that was received on April 30th. The requested remedy for the grievance by Rattenborg was to be paid immediately for the missing longevity. Galloway stated that the emails provided did communicate that the longevity pay was not received will be included on the May paycheck this Friday, the 30th. The Auditor’s Office was unaware of the situation until the afternoon on May 15th. It was explained that the longevity distribution register was completed as normal, showing all of the Secondary Roads employees and the amounts as normal. Auditor’s Office immediately looked into the situation and placed calls and support help emails to the payroll software company to get an explanation on why this was not included with the rest of the paycheck. Online support staff could not give an explanation as to why this happened. Auditor’s staff reached out to the software analyst who has been working with Audubon County during the last month to get the monthly payroll converted to bi-weekly due to Union Negotiations. The analyst has recently been in the software changing/updating and getting all employees/deductions/wages/longevity/leave codes ready for the bi-weekly change that is starting in June, and during this process, there may have been a glitch with the software. She could not explain why the longevity did not pull over for Secondary Roads, but did pull over from the Sheriff’s Office. Currently, these two separate longevity packets (Sheriff Dept & Secondary Roads) are run separately, but the software analyst has been working to get them combined into one for the bi-weekly transition. After speaking with the software analyst, it was suggested that the longevity pay, which was under \$200 total between the 6 affected employees, be added to the May payroll which was set to be ran the following week and deposited for employees to receive on May 30th. It was explained that the payroll process is long, with many steps which must be completed. Auditor’s office staff offered Rattenborg time to come into the office to see the extent of the process. Auditor’s office suggested that Secondary Roads could run/approve/check a detail register in the future and sign off that it is good to go before payroll is ran. Attorney Galloway will write up a summary and more discussion will follow with any other steps necessary.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve the utility permit for MidAmerican Sections 4 & 9, T80N, R35W Leroy Township, 170th St and Jay Ave. Vote-all in favor. Rydl said Caterpillar is working on getting the financials together for the new motor graders. They currently have one maintainer down and needing repairs. The new trucks that were ordered close to 3 years ago, are currently in Fort Dodge getting the attachments installed. The trucks will be inspected with a walk around approval by Secondary Roads before they arrive. The Brayton project is moving along well. They will be pouring the sidewalks next. The Lark Ave/Feedmill Project will be starting on Phase 2. The driveways are complete. The rain may hold up some progress this week. Rydl met with the Hungry Canyons Director last week to look at a project North of Highway 44 on Mockingbird. Rydl put in the application with Hungry Canyons, and if approved, they will provide funding towards the project. The open Secondary Roads operator position will be advertised in the newspaper and social media.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve moving the Supervisor’s meeting date of September 2nd, 2025 to Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 due to Holiday conflicts with the payroll. Vote-all in favor. Planning and Zoning was set to meet at 11:00 am. The only member present from the Planning & Zoning Board was Mike Blum. Supervisors explained that they are currently still trying to find a person willing to take on the Director position as a volunteer, and if they can not find one, they would consider paying a set amount for the position. Currently, Engineer Rydl is the Director, but he will be done as of June 30th, 2025. Rydl is willing to help get a new person transitioned into the role. Blum thought that a current County employee should take over the position. He inquired about the Engineer’s wage decreasing with the duty of Planning & Zoning Director being eliminated. Supervisors said they would have to check on this.

Attorney Swensen discussed the vacated alley issue in Ross that was brought up at a previous meeting. The landowner would like the land surveyed, but when the County vacated the alley, the amounts allocated to each owner were unclear, and it needs to be clear for the surveyor to complete the job. Swensen prepared a resolution to hold a Public Hearing on June 10th to clear up the past vacation and determine the precise amount of land for the owners involved. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve Resolution 2025-26 to set a Public Hearing date for a Road Vacation as follows. Vote-all in favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE Resolution for Road Vacation Public Hearing Audubon County Resolution No. 2025 -26

WHEREAS, the Audubon County Board of Supervisors previously held a public hearing and, following a determination the land did not serve a public purpose, passed a resolution to vacate certain roads within the County, including Streets and Alleys in the Unincorporated Town of Ross. WO #524-2: “All of the alley (20’ wide) located in block 2.” Resolution 2014-17, approved June 17, 2014.

WHEREAS, said resolution declined to specifically assign or convey portions of the vacated alley to particular adjoining landowners.

WHEREAS, there has been a request for further clarification as to the division of the vacated alley between adjoining landowners, which is necessary to allow said property to be surveyed.

WHEREAS, the County wishes to facilitate efficient transfers of land and clarity of title. To that end, the County intends to pass a clarifying RESOLUTION stating that the vacated alley (20’ wide) located in block 2 of the Unincorporated Town of Ross was/is to be divided equally between adjoining landowners, with each being awarded half (10’) of the alley next to their respective properties. This action is memorializing the intent of all parties at the time of the original action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearing on the proposed action will be held in the Board Room at the Audubon County Courthouse, Audubon, IA 50025 at 10:00am on June 10th, 2025 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306, 331.361, and 354.23.

Date at Audubon County, Iowa this 27th day of May, 2025.

Board of Supervisors

Audubon County, Iowa

/s/Kent Grabill

ATTEST

By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt

Supervisors discussed the ACED written agreement with Swensen. Swensen will work on drafting an agreement after he gets more information. The opening on the Audubon County Magistrate Appointing Commission was discussed. Swensen said he will talk to the Clerk of Court’s office to see if they have any recommendations. Motion- Mosinski Second- Grabill to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$362,000.92 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote- all in favor. Supervisors called and left a voicemail with the State Auditor to discuss setting a date for the exit interview for the FY24 Audit. They also had questions regarding the analytical spreadsheet explanations on variances and if any further information was needed. 28E agreements were reviewed. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

/s/Heath Hansen

/s/Chassity Musfeldt

Chairman, Board of Supervisors Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk

ABBY RASMUSSEN	200
ACE HARDWARE	1451.68
AGRILAND FS INC	4335.88
AGRILAND FS INC 73	6710.2
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	1500
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	2970.92
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS MIDWEST, LLC	1328.62
AUDUBON AG AND AUTO	456.91
AUDUBON CITY	208.53
AUDUBON CO ADVOCATE JOURNAL	1205.27
AUDUBON CO MEMORIAL HOSP	150
AUDUBON CO SHERIFF	373.4
AUDUBON FOOD LAND	2078.44
AUREON COMMUNICATIONS LLC	1025
BARCO	2038.16
BAUER BUILT TIRE CENTER INC	775.34
BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY, INC.	750
BEN LINDE	50
BILLS, LINDA	272.23
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	457.93
BRUCE HAAG	1230.68
BUSINESS CARD	1352.77
BUSINESS FORMS & SYSTEMS	499.8
CARD SERVICES	155.66
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	141.75
CENTRAL IA DISTR INC	1707.24
CHASSITY MUSFELDT	64.64
CHRISTOFFERSON PUMPING LLC	500
CLARK COUNTY TREASURER	45
CLARK SERVICE AND EXHAUST LLC	57.5
COST ADVISORY SERVICES INC	4450
D & J SUPPLY	70.5

DEBBIE CAMPBELL	426.95
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP.	153.39
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY	130
ELMQUIST WELDING & RPR INC	8.1
EMERALD CHEVROLET	412.63
EO JOHNSON	4322.26
EXCHANGE STATE BANK	329580.84
EXIRA CITY	187.04
EXIRA PLUMBING & HEATING	1837.55
FAMILY STEPS FTC	732.66
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	845.19
FIRSTLINE OUTDOOR POWER	1000.13
FRANK OLSEN	63.2
GALLS LLC	167.99
GARY R ENGLIN	300
GRAPHITE CONSTRUCTION GROUP	124196.11
GUTHRIE COUNTY REC	1196.52
H2B PROPERTIES LLC	1600
HANSEN REPAIR	304
HANSEN’S M&M SERVICES	919.25
HARLAN PUBLISHING, LLC	630
HAWKINS INC	2297.5
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS LLC	1418.36
HEATHER TOFT	400
HENNINGSEN CONSTRUCTION	1067
HOUSBY MACK INC	49.27
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IA PRECINCT ATLAS CONSORT IPAC	650
IA STATE UNIVERSITY	50
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ISAC	170.6
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JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	63.31
KATIE C MADSEN	50
KENDRA BLADT	2000
KLUG’S FISH FARM	68
KYLE HINNERS	314.76
MAIL SERVICES LLC	108.05
MARNE-ELK HORN TELEPHONE CO	14.4
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	210.84
MEDIACOM	294.15
MEDLINE INDUSTRIES LP	1626.81
MENARDS - CLIVE	2251.81
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	291.87
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CH MARC	9682.15
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS INC	340.05
MIRANDA BILLS	80.16
MITCH RYDL	2175
MPE EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC	1032
MY WAY DESIGNS	1843.5
NELSON ELECTRIC COMPANY	1489.59
NEW OPPORTUNITIES INC	6000
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R&S WASTE DISPOSAL	141.29
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REMSBURG SERVICE INC	65.14
SARAH IRLBECK	988
SAUERS, WILL	23850.6
SCHILDBERG CONSTRUCTION INC	324.6
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY	108.07
SECRETARY OF STATE	20.25
SHERI M KARNs	428.12
SIOUX CITY TRUCK SALES PETERBILT	1003.35
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SWENSEN, CHRIS	30.79
THE OFFICE STOP	726.61
THOMSON REUTERS WEST PYMT CTR	89.75
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TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	9315
TWIN CONSTRUCTION INC	9750.02
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	50
TYLER THYGESEN	887565.02
UMB BANK N.A.	123.53
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UNPLUGGED WIRELESS LLC	3720
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	986.39
VERIZON WIRELESS	666.63
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	3320.27
WAGEWORKS	274.37
WASPY’S TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	19.4
WEST CENTRAL IA RURAL WATER	100
WESTERN IA WIRELESS	283.54
WILLIAM BAYLOR	1016.34
WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS	1292.3
ZIEGLER INC	Grand Total 1542645.97

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