

Alka Swanson shares birthday gift with Audubon Public Library

Alka Swanson celebrated her birthday with a party at Pide Pizzeria on Monday, March 23. Instead of gifts, Alka asked guests to give donations to the Audubon Public Library. Her guests raised over \$600.00 in donations!! Librarian, Gail Richardson, said that this a wonderful gift will be used for STEAM kits in the Children's library, large print books, and supplies for Story Time & books. This donation is especially important since the Audubon Library's 2026-27 Budget has been greatly reduced by the County Supervisors. The continued generous donations by Library patrons, such as Alka & John & their friends, will help the Audubon Library support our community!!



Audubon Librarian, Gail Richardson (left), accepting Alka Swanson's "birthday gift". On the right is Alka's husband, Jon Swanson.

Secretary Naig Issues Statement on the Trump Administration's RFS Volumes

DES MOINES — Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today issued the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized strong renewable volume obligations (RVO) within the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for 2026 and 2027:

"Biofuels lower costs at the pump, strengthen corn and soybean markets, and support jobs in rural America. I thank President Trump and his administration for reinforcing the original intent of the RFS by expanding the use of homegrown fuels and reducing our reliance on unpredictable global energy markets — especially during times of supply disruption and price volatility. These volumes are strong for ethanol and historic for biodiesel, sending a clear growth signal to a sector that has been needing stability and predictability.

Iowa's experience with E15 shows that when more biofuels are available, consumers choose them because they're the most affordable option. This announcement, combined with the recent E15 emergency waiver, is a positive step forward, but Congress must finish the job by passing year-round nationwide E15. It's time to deliver long-term certainty for America's drivers, farmers, biofuel producers, and fuel retailers."

Legal Notice

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 24th, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Kent Grabill. Present at the meeting were Kent Grabill, Don Mosinski, Heath Hansen, Chassity Musfeldt, Clark Borkowski, Gareth Stouffer, Lisa Frederiksen, Jotham Arber, Mitch Rydl, Mike Blum, and Deb Campbell.

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the agenda with the deletion on the approving the Public Hearing Publication notice for the vacated road in Bradleyville. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve Resolution 2026-13 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE Resolution for Road Vacation Public Hearing Audubon County Resolution No. 2026 -13

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 "North Street" in the Unincorporated Town of Ross. Road Segment No. 4: "Vacate a 66 ft. street (North Street) in the unincorporated Town of Ross, Section 4, T-80N, R-34W (Leroy Twp.) located along the south line of Lot 2 of Outlot 1 of said Sec. 4." Resolution was approved July 20, 1983.

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

WHEREAS, there has been a request for further clarification as to the division of the vacated road between adjoining landowners, which is necessary to facilitate efficient property transfer.

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 road (66' wide) located along the south line of Lot 2 of Outlot 1 of Section 4 of the Unincorporated Town of Ross was/is to be divided equally between adjoining landowners, with each being awarded half (33') of the road 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 10:00 am on April 7th, 2026 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306, 331.361, and 354.23.

Date at Audubon County, Iowa this 24th day of March, 2026.

Board of Supervisors
Audubon County, Iowa

/s/Kent Grabill, Chairperson

ATTEST By: /s/Chassity Musfeldt, Auditor Clerk

Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve the following MMP DNR Annual Updates/changes: Jorgensen Site #64571 and Dan & Bill Christensen #68467. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors discussed the upcoming Courthouse Custodian job opening. The pros and cons of advertising the position to be full-time or part-time were discussed. Supervisors would like to ask Department Heads their opinion on what they feel would be best for the Courthouse. Public Comment was opened at 9:23 am. Gareth Stouffer with APEX, Coyote Willow Wind, gave an update that they have signed close to 21,000 acres for the Wind Turbine Project.

Auditor Frederiksen joined the meeting to give updates and answer questions. Supervisor Mosinski asked for an overview of all the details going into preparing the tax levy publication/notice/valuations. Frederiksen explained how all the budgets feed into the system, and those numbers set the levy rate. This year the County Wide one asked for less dollars, but the Rural one increased and that is why reasonings needed to be stated at the bottom of the notice. The County Wide one going down was enough to cover the Rural one going up. Frederiksen explained the Assessor side and the Auditor's extensive valuation process.

Jotham Arber gave Public Health updates. Arber discussed collaborations with the hospital to make sure Audubon County residents are covered in all areas. Radon testers are still available for free to rent out. Arber discussed

the February report of services provided. There will be some upcoming drills for emergency preparedness. The DNR gave the clear to do some perk testing and soil analysis tests. In May, Public Health will host their first free clinic of Iowa in Exira. They are currently looking for volunteers to help facilitate this.

Supervisor Mosinski said he spoke with Sara Slater and they are still looking over the ACED agreement. Once they are done reviewing, Mosinski will meet with the County Attorney to finalize. Supervisors reviewed the Assured Partners FY27 renewal documents. Mike Blum inquired about the total amount the County pays a year for health insurance, and the wellness percentage discounts.

Engineer Rydl gave Secondary Roads construction and maintenance updates. Rydl presented a ROW purchase agreement. The first landowner has accepted the estimate/agreement. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the Purchase Agreement for the LE8 ROW. Vote-all in favor. Chairman Grabill signed the agreement with Auditor Frederiksen present as a notary.

Supervisors continued to review the FY27 insurance renewal documents. A phone call was made to Assured Partners to have them help explain the partial self-fund reserves on health insurance. Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve Resolution 2026-14 as follows. Vote-all in favor.

2026-14

Resolution Naming Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Audubon County, Iowa; That we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories of Audubon County funds in amounts not to exceed the amount stated opposite each of said designated depositories and the Audubon County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Audubon County funds in amounts not to exceed in the aggregate amounts for said banks as follows, to-wit:

Name of Depository	Current Maximum Deposit	Offices
1. Audubon State Bank Audubon, IA 50025	\$7,500,000.00	Treasurer
2. Exchange State Bank Exira, IA 50076	\$9,500,000.00	Treasurer
3. Crawford County Trust & Savings Audubon, IA 50025	\$9,000,000.00	Treasurer
4. Audubon State Bank Audubon, IA 50025	\$200,000.00	Sheriff
5. Audubon State Bank Audubon, IA 50025	\$25,000.00	Recorder

The vote on the resolution being as follows: AYES: All Dated as Audubon, Iowa this 24th day of March 2026

Attest: /s/Chassity Musfeldt
Audubon County Auditor Clerk

NAYS: None

/s/Kent Grabill
Chairperson,
Audubon County Board of Supervisors

Motion- Mosinski Second- Hansen to approve the meeting minutes of 3-17-26 for publication. Vote-all in favor. Motion- Hansen Second- Mosinski to approve claims as submitted by various departments to be paid in the amount of \$88,102.73 and published in a separate publication at the end of the month. Vote-all in favor. Supervisors discussed the FY27 budget. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

/s/Kent Grabill
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
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/s/ Chassity Musfeldt
Attest: Audubon County Auditor Clerk



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CDE'S/LDE'S: Ag Impact, Conduct of Meetings, Soil Judging, Experience the Action

Favorite FFA Memory: Going on the Mission Trip to Liberia

After HS Plans: University of Iowa

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Lane Elmquist

Audubon FFA

CDE'S/LDE'S: Ag Impact, Greenhand Quiz, Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, Soil Judging, Livestock Judging, Farm Business Management Team

SAE: Placement with Elmquist Farms, Entrepreneurship with Aussiedoodles

Favorite FFA Memory: Learning about Agriculture in Africa on the FFA Mission Trip

After HS Plans: Iowa State University, Ag Studies - Animal Science, Agronomy, Ag Business



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