

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 am with the following members present: Bobbi Maynes, Leland Shipley, Doug Birt, Merlin Dixon, and Scott Akin. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maynes. Birt moved, seconded by Shipley to approve today's amended agenda adding the appointment of the Medical Examiner and Assistant Medical Examiner to the agenda and also to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Nancy Barnes gave the board an update that the county has collected 98% of taxes due.

Birt moved, seconded by Dixon to approve Secondary Roads purchasing an ITM belly dump rock trailer from Iowa Trailer MFG Co. LLC for \$51,400 and approved the Auditor's office to disburse a handwritten check in order to take possession as soon as possible. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Dixon brought up a request from citizens regarding a street light at the Hwy 34 and Juniper Ave corner. Malone was going to look into what needs to be done to have a light in that area.

Birt moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Dr. Steven Freeman as the Medical Examiner and appoint Dr. Stephen Gruba as the Assistant Medical Examiner. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed changing the County Burial Policy due to the Federal Government approving reimbursement for Covid-related deaths under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Auditor Bissell explained that under the program family members who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020, have to submit verified paid expenses through FEMA to seek reimbursement. Since the County pays for an indigent burial expense the family member does not have this expense. No action was taken.

Auditor Bissell presented a quote from Dasher Electrical for upgrading the Court House Lighting to LED bulbs. Mike Dasher explained to Bissell changing the light bulbs would cut our electricity usage in half. The board asked Bissell to speak with the architects this week when they begin the Court House Renovations Study and get their opinion on where this would be feasible.

Recorder Jamie Stargell presented the Recorder Quarterly Report and updated the board on her office. She was able to send approximately 44,000 more Adams County real estate records, complete with images, to Iowa Land Records starting with year 1980-2002. These records will now be able to be searched for online. Akin moved, seconded by Dixon to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Katrina Ogburn with Miltner Insurance and Kasi Koehler with ICAP presented the ICAP Insurance renewal. There will be no discount this year due to the Derecho that occurred across Iowa last summer. Katrina presented some options for increasing our coverage but the board decided to have it remain the same. Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to approve the ICAP Insurance renewal with no limit increase. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Assessor Ben Mullen gave an update on his office. Vanguard will start the revaluation project in June. He and his staff will be going out in the field to assist the appraisers. The new values will be effective January 1, 2022. Mullen gave an update on solar farms as well.

Committee and Meeting reports were presented as follows: Birt – DCAT/DHS, April 12; Corning.

Akin moved, seconded by Birt to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Bobbi Maynes, Chairperson, Adams County Board of Supervisors
Rebecca Bissell, Adams County Auditor