

Board Minutes July 25, 2017

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Merlin Dixon, Linda England, Karl McCarty, Doug Birt, and Leland Shipley. Also in attendance were Donnie Willet, Otto Petersen, Sheriff Alan Johannes, Andy Knuth, Travis Paul, Gerald Nelson, Brian Hickman, Rick Schafer, Julie Schafer, and Ralph Neill. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shipley. The agenda for the day was read and approved.

Stan Grebner informed the board that the motor grader is now at Ziegler's being repaired. Once they get it fixed Stan will get back to the board to discuss trade-in options.

Otto Petersen shared his concerns with a control burn near his land. The fire was set at night and the contractor hired to do the control burn went onto Otto's land and started the fire on his side and burnt down his fence.

Discussion was held on a control burn ban. County Attorney Andrew Knuth said his opinion is that the county can't prevent a landowner from burning their own property. He discussed a possible ordinance setting up fines or fees, but his concerns are who would administer it or what the punishment would be if someone doesn't follow the ordinance. Rick Schafer said that a reputable contractor would have taken care of all the issues that the board has concerns about. Travis Paul said at Lake Icaria they do prescribed burns as well. He stated that a problem with a 24-hour notice is that they don't know 24 hours in advance if the weather will be fit for a burn. He continued by stating there are a lot of factors they look at when determining the day, so putting an ordinance of a 24 hour notice doesn't seem reasonable. Julie Schafer said one of the tools she uses is plat books to send the land owner a postcard and letting them know the contractor will do a burn. Brian Hickman, of the DNR, said that the DNR received a grant from USDA to hire a contractor to do some of the prescribed burns in question. Brian Hickman apologized to Ralph Neill for what happened to his land, but expressed that it was out of his control since it was contracted to a provider and the liability is then on that provider, however, he will no longer hire the provider to do prescribed burns for the DNR. Ralph Neill shared his opinion that there is no long-term benefit to prescribed burning. Rick Schafer expressed his concerns and the necessity of land owners doing a proper interview with a contractor to make sure they are doing a proper prescribed burn.

Claims were approved as follows:

Solutions Inc	Maint	424.00	1
Adair Co Sheriff	Serv	24.63	1
Adams Co Extension	fees	50.37	1
Adams Co Treas	Reimb	702.90	2
Free Press	Legal	32.00	1
Adams Co Sheriff	Serv	66.00	2
Airgas	sup	144.80	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	36.35	1
Kevin Behlers	Reimb	200.00	1
Bobbers Down	sup	150.00	1
Capital Sanitary	Sup	498.96	1
Cintas	safety	52.55	1
Corning Mun	Util	3,812.91	4
Cummins	Main	562.13	1
Dickinson Co. Sheriff	serv	27.00	1
Don's Uniforms	Sup	320.42	1
Echo	Sup	110.76	1
Fastenal Co	repair	246.86	1
First Wireless Inc.	repairs	280.00	1
Frontier	Phone	227.72	2
Gadberry	supplies	39.24	1
Galls	Sup	544.22	2
Stan Grebner	Reimb	160.00	1
Grn Valley	Serv	70.00	2
Jason Green	Serv	30.00	1
Tonya Green	Serv	40.00	1
Mike Haynes	Serv	30.00	1
Henningson Const	Rep	886.60	1
Herberger Const.	fees	650.00	1
HR Green	repairs	1,193.50	1
HyVee	Sup	305.15	2

IA DOT	supplies	1,272.43	1
ICEOO	training	200.00	1
One Call	Serv	1.80	1
IA Prison Ind	signs	537.50	1
Jackson Repair	repairs	97.37	1
Jones Auto	Sup	510.00	1
Kosiski Auto Parts	repair	1,900.00	1
Lundquist AC	Repairs	19.46	1
Mediacom	Util	73.67	1
Mid-State Organized Crime Info	dues	100.00	1
MidAmerican	Util	4.18	1
Montgomery Co Auditor	Mileage	57.00	1
Montgomery Co Sheriff	legal	21.00	1
MTE Office Center	sup	304.74	1
Office Mach	Sup	132.07	2
Pafford,Aleck	fees	275.00	1
PJGreufe & Assoc.	admin	1,500.00	1
Jim Reiley	Reimb	146.05	1
Steve Richey	Reimb	60.58	1
RJs Plumbing	Repair	13.24	1
RJs Portables	Sanitation	150.00	1
Rock Island Sheriff	Serv	47.69	1
Schafer Welding	Sup	775.00	1
Schildberg	rock	5,738.13	1
Shepherd Repair	Serv	1,386.80	1
Shield Tech. Corp.	maintenanacce	48,375.00	1
Shires, Jen	Reimb	24.00	1
SIRWA	Util	62.80	1
SW IA REC	Util	6,480.08	3
Stalker Chev	Repair	107.00	1
T R Comm	Repair	1,856.00	2
Taylor Co Sheriff	Serv	94.22	2
Nancy Turner	Well Plugging	500.00	1
UFMC	fuel	116.23	1
Waddell,Benjamas	Serv	865.00	1
Doug Wallace	Serv	30.00	1
Ziegler	Repair	3,783.68	1
Grand Total		89,536.79	

Committee reports were presented by the Supervisors as follows: Dixon: ATURA, Mt. Ayr, 7-18; Shipley: Loss Control, Corning, 7-19; Birt: ACCS, Corning, 7-20; England: Southern Hills Regional Mental Health, Corning, 7-21.

ATTEST: Leland Shipley, Chairperson, Adams County Board of Supervisors
Rebecca Bissell, Adams County Auditor