

## Board Minutes September 19, 2017

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Merlin Dixon, Linda England, Karl McCarty, and Leland Shipley. Absent was Doug Birt. Also in attendance were Beth Waddle, Dan Carl, Travis Paul, Merle Jordening, Jack Kretziner, Duane M. Dougherty, Andy Knuth, Jen Shires, Nancy Turner and Mark Saylor. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shipley. The agenda for the day was read and approved.

Beth Waddle updated the Board on several items including the Housing 30 Placemaking program.

Dan Carl and Travis Paul updated the board on the family cabin project. They will be holding a public hearing on October 5<sup>th</sup> for the water line portion of the project. Also they will be advertising for the position of Conservation Aide II due to an upcoming retirement.

McCarty moved, seconded by England to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 AM regarding the sale of the former County Farm property. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. There were no written objections received but several in attendance were interested in additional clarification of the proposed sale. Jack Kretzinger stated that he was 100% against sealed bids as he feels that the land could be sold at a higher price at an auction. Merle Jordening expressed concern in selling all of the crop ground in case at a later point the county would want that ground for some purpose. Duane Dougherty agreed with Kretzinger that selling the farm ground would result in a higher price if sold at auction instead of sealed bid. The supervisors explained their reasoning for using sealed bids as they are seeking the most economic benefit for the county which could include additional jobs. Also there is a brand new sewer line to the property that they would like to see utilized and would also like to encourage development of the area. Dixon moved, McCarty seconded to close the public hearing at 10:25 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

McCarty moved, seconded by Dixon to approve Resolution # 2017-19 to put the former County farm property up for sale by sealed bids. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

County Attorney Andy Knuth discussed with the board the need to have the sewer shed at the former county farm set aside as a new parcel to allow for that piece of the property to be in control by the county. An easement agreement with a new owner would be determined at the time of transfer of the property to allow for access in and out of the new parcel that holds the sewer shed.

County Attorney Andy Knuth presented to the board the recent figures of collections that have been recovered by the County Attorney's Office. The administrative assistant, Lisa Brown, has managed this program to great success. Knuth also informed the board that she has recently completed her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and that he would like to see her compensated for her job performance and the attainment of her degree. He proposed a \$2/hour increase in her wages. McCarty moved, seconded by England to increase Lisa Brown's wage rate to \$17/hour effective with the next pay period. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee reports were presented by the Supervisors as follows: Dixon, RWDB, Sept 18, Creston; and Shipley, Main Street, Sept 12, Corning, Main Street EV, Sept 13, Corning.

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