

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9:15 am with the following members present: Merlin Dixon, Doug Birt, Leland Shipley, Bobbi Maynes, and Scott Akin. Also in attendance were: Joan Gallagher, Beth Waddle, Judy Beckett, Marvin Smith, Jan Leonard, Betsy Akin, Donna Hogan, Doug Oldenkamp, Nancy Barnes, Anthony Donahoo and Travis Malone. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shipley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Birt moved, seconded by Akin to approve Agenda and the minutes from July 8, 2019. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Anthony Donahoo addressed the Board during public comments. He supports the hotel project, but he wants to ensure that law enforcement and other entities have the training needed to handle situations such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, etc. in our county.

Travis Malone discussed starting to work on shoulders and culverts this week. Maynes asked Engineer Malone about using old railroad cars for some rural bridges. Malone said Adams County doesn't have a bridge crew so Secondary Roads wouldn't have the manpower to facilitate that. He also said he's looked into "kit bridges" to help save some costs on replacing some bridges. Malone shared with the Board an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for engineering and survey for damaged bridge sites.

Akin moved, seconded by Birt to appoint Patty Peterson to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Joan Gallagher announced to the board that she is retiring as of June of 2020. A replacement is going to be sought by February 2020 to facilitate training. The board thanked her for service and expressed regret in seeing her leave.

Treasurer Nancy Barnes presented to the board the Semi-Annual Report and the Annual Report. Birt moved, seconded by Akin to approve the Semi-Annual Report. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Dixon moved, seconded by Birt to open the public hearing at 1:25 pm. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Scott Akin stated he has an indirect interest in Corning Hotel LLC of less than 5% and he will abstain from all actions related to Corning Hotel, LLC. There were no written or oral objections. Birt moved, seconded to close the public hearing at 1:27 pm. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Birt moved, seconded by Maynes to approve Resolution 2019-22 determining an area of the County to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the County; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Juniper Avenue Urban Renewal Plan. Ayes: Maynes, Birt, Shipley. Nay: None, Abstain: Akin and Dixon. Motion carried.

Birt moved, seconded by Maynes to approve Ordinance 2019-1 for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Juniper Avenue Urban Renewal Plan. Ayes: Birt, Maynes, Shipley. Nays: None. Abstained: Akin and Dixon. Birt moved, seconded Maynes to suspend the 2nd and 3rd readings. Ayes: Birt, Maynes, Shipley. Nays: None. Abstained: Akin and Dixon. Motion carried.

Maynes moved, seconded by Birt to open the public hearing for the Development Agreement with Corning Hotel, LLC at 1:34 pm. Scott Akin stated he has an indirect interest in Corning Hotel LLC of less than 5% and he will abstain from all actions related to Corning Hotel, LLC. There were no written or oral objections. Birt moved, seconded by Maynes to close the public hearing at 1:35 pm. Ayes: Birt, Maynes, Shipley. Nays: None. Abstained: Akin and Dixon. Motion carried.

Birt moved, seconded by Maynes to approve Resolution 2019-23 approving and authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by and between Adams County and Corning Hotel, LLC. Ayes: Birt, Maynes, Shipley. Nays: None. Abstained: Akin and Dixon

Committee reports were presented as follows: Birt – Conservation, Corning, July 11; Shipley- Main Street and Main Street EV, Corning, July 9; Dixon – ATURA, Creston, July 9, SW Iowa Trolley, Creston, July 11, Conservation, Corning, July 11; Maynes – RC & D, Creston, July 11.

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