

Board Minutes November 21, 2022

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Doug Birt, Bobbi Maynes, Leland Shipley, Scott Akin, and Merlin Dixon. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Birt and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Akin moved, seconded by Maynes to approve the agenda for today's meeting along with the minutes from November 15, 2022. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Dixon to approve the purchase of the 2023 Mack Semi for \$145,500 from Housby. Additional expenses may incur when they add the wet kit or other additional equipment. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

County Attorney Andrew Knuth and the Victim Witness Coordinator discussed with the board researching having Union County share our Coordinator. She currently is spending a lot of time on grants and this time could be better used to serve victims and witnesses. If Union County decides to share coordinators, then the county would be able to function without the grant. The board advised Knuth to explore this option further.

A resolution to order a recount of votes was prepared by Auditor Becky Bissell due to the possibility that the Auditor or State candidate would be asking for a statewide recount. During the recount process the board of supervisors have to approve a resolution to allow Auditor Bissell to open the sealed ballots. No recount was filed with Auditor Bissell so no action was taken on this resolution.

Kathy Bozwell presented the Adams County Fair report and requested funds to go towards 4-H and the Adams County 4-H/FFA Fair to be considered during the budgeting process.

Department Head reports were presented as follows: Auditor – There was no recount request submitted. The Post-election Audit was conducted on November 15th at 2:00 pm. The Audit Board verified the numbers from the machine matched exactly to the results when the ballots were hand-counted. The Accrual Report is due to the Department of Management by Dec 1st. Recorder – Stargell reported there are 203 Scanned and backed up books that have been completed. There are 100 books left to do. IT – Williams had to replace the router since it was 6 years old. He's staying busy with lots of patches and updates. Treasurer – Schafer did transfer money to the County's money market account to start earning higher interest. Secondary Roads – Bechtold has joined some committees with the Engineer executive board and has some trainings coming up. Conservation - Paul shared there are water line leaks out at the lake and they are working on isolating the area and replacing the line. They are applying for a grant to fix the fish rearing pond. Also looking into potentially stocking rainbow trout for free in one of the smaller ponds around Lake Icaria. Sheriff – Deputies have been busy. Johannes is seeking vehicle bids again as the one in Kentucky fell through. The open deputy position was offered to a candidate, and they declined so the department is reopening the search to fill the deputy position. Having to get quotes for new body cameras as the current ones are failing. Attorney – Knuth informed the board his office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years Eve.

Committee and Meeting reports were presented as follows: Maynes – Crossroads, Zoom, November 14 & 15, DACC – IA Dept of Human Services. Cedar Rapids, November 18, Davis Ave Renewal, Corning, November 16; Akin – ACEDC, Corning, November 17, CHI, Corning, November 17; Shipley – Main St. EV, Corning, November 16, and Davis Ave Renewal, Corning, November 16.

Dixon moved, seconded by Akin to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Doug Birt, Chairperson, Adams County Board of Supervisors
Rebecca Bissell, Adams County Auditor