

## Board Minutes May 15, 2023

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Leland Shipley, Chris Standley, Bobbi Maynes, Tony Hardisty, and Scott Akin. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shipley and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Standley moved, seconded by Akin to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023, meeting along with adding discussion of signage on gravel roads to the Secondary Roads update. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley asked Roads Maintenance Supervisor Karl McCarty if we had any pedestrian walking signs to be put up on gravel roads due to a constituent having concerns while they were out walking. McCarty stated there were no signs in our inventory and where to does the county start and stop on posting such a sign.

Dale Carmichael discussed with the board his desire to close approximately 300 ft at the north end of Valley View Estate. Potential buyer is wanting both Lot 11 and Lot 12 without a road in the middle. The board said they didn't see any reason he couldn't, but he would need to work with Secondary Roads to start the process.

Matt Garwood presented a request to approve a waiver for a "no construction near a weir for conservation purposes" in the Prescott Wind Energy Project. The board asked to table it until the Water and Soil Conservation Commission could approve their minutes from their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting before giving approval to the waiver.

Public Health Director Crystal Drake gave an update on the department. Sarah Guillatt also updated the board on the programs that are offered.

Bobbi Maynes announced her abstaining in discussion and voting regarding windmill projects due to a conflict of interest.

Carmen Dahl reminded the board of the various issues that have been addressed in previous board meetings with wind turbines and the close setbacks to non-participating landowners. She advocated for the 1 km set-back from property lines. Jeanne Jackson read a letter from Roger Adkins Jr who is opposed to wind turbines after he has lived by them the past few years.

Department Head Reports: Auditor – Working on the budget amendment, certifying budgets, consultation with the Schools for the UR plan amendment, and digesting a new law that was signed by the Governor and the effects it will have on the budget and new credits for next fiscal year. Secondary Roads – Having training this week on heat exhaustion and new times sheets. They have completed the middle area for contract rock. The remaining areas are the Northeast and the Southwest portion of the county. Treasurer – Treasurer's training was really good and received de-escalation training. Down to \$80,000 left to collect in taxes and the delinquent list will be going in the paper next week. Recorder – Will be doing interviews this week. IT – participated in a couple of webinars on breaches to County's systems, all of which were breached due to an employee clicking on a bad link. He continues to train all employees who have county emails or who have access to our systems. Conservation – Spring revenues are down due to the cold wet weather we've been having on the weekends. The additional full hook-up sites in Lake View are complete. Hosting several schools and grades for education on conservation. Fully staffed with seasonal help now so look forward to the work they will be able to do. Cottages and cabins are 100% full for weekend bookings from June-Sept. The archery range is projected to be mostly completed in a month.

Public comments were presented by the following: Juli Cooper encouraged the board to not take into account "killing a project" when working on the ordinances. Matt Olive wasn't present but wants to know if wells will be affected or contaminated due to the construction and if that can be in the ordinance. Marcia Allen stated all the citizens that signed the petition are all equal citizens regardless of where they live and they voluntarily signed the petition. Dallas Johnson stated people signing up for the wind turbines are selling out our rural way of life to the big corporations.

Committee and Meeting reports were presented as follows: Akin- SICOG, Corning, May 11; Hardisty – ATURA, Creston, May 9; Maynes – Crossroads, via Zoom, May 12, and Community Action Agency Commission, viz Zoom, May 12.

Standley moved, seconded by Akin to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

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