

Board Minutes July 17, 2023

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Tony Hardisty, Bobbi Maynes, Chris Standley, and Scott Akin. Leland Shipley was present via telecommunication. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Akin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Maynes moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve the agenda along with the minutes of July 7th regular meeting. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

David Levy with Baird Holm LLP discussed with the board the process for his guidance in updating the Solar and Wind Ordinances.

Maynes moved, seconded by Standley to approve the Homestead Claims that were approved by the Assessor. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Standley to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report presented by Jamie Stargell. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Stargell also presented the Iowa Land Records Annual Report.

Maynes moved, seconded by Standley to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Standley moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve the Adams County Road Use Agreement with Prescott Farms. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Charlie Bechtold gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department. The base stabilization project has been postponed until Wednesday, July 19 due to the rain. Quincy 8 bridge has been postponed a week, but their days for completion has already started. Railroad crossing in Nodaway has been canceled for this year. Motor Grader training is happening this week. Charlie will be gone next week for a conference. Roads Supervisor Karl McCarty gave an update there were nine locations of tree damage that were impeding the roads that had to be removed from the storm. Working with insurance on getting the new trailer fixed or replaced.

Department Head Reports: Treasurer – End of Month went well and working on Fiscal Year End. Sheriff – Jail Inspection is this week. Still waiting for two vehicles to be equipped. A deputy has graduated from a rigorous course to identify different types of impairments. He is now an expert instructor and will be a great asset to the department. Conservation – There was significant tree damage out at the lake, but none to buildings or people. They are offering two different opportunities for hunter's education and gun safety courses. REAP reports are due by October. Waiting on a truck to be equipped. There's a bad spot in the road and are working with DNR to have it fixed. Auditor – Working on Taxes and attended an Election Tabletop Exercise put on by the SOS and CISA to better prepare us for a variety of issues during an election cycle. IT – Attended the Tabletop Exercise with Becky and had a CISA security review in the afternoon. Both were very beneficial.

Jeanne Jackson reiterated ordinance recommendations. Marvis Northup shared with the board a copy of the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Public Comments opposing wind turbines were presented by: Marcia Allen, Juli Cooper, and Diane Jacobs. Public Comments in favor of wind turbines were presented by: Mike Mullen who wants to see the revenue come into the County and Kirk Brandt who is a landowner with turbines and has had no issues with the wind turbines.

The next meeting will be held on Monday July 24th.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Standley to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Scott Akin, Vice-Chairperson, Adams County Board of Supervisors
Rebecca Bissell, Adams County Auditor