

Board Minutes July 24, 2023

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Tony Hardisty, Bobbi Maynes, Chris Standley, and Scott Akin. Leland Shipley was absent. 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 17th regular meeting. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

The following items were tabled until Engineer Bechtold could be in attendance to discuss agenda items extending the date to start maintaining dust control areas and Utility Permit #23-09 for CIPCO.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Standley to approve the claims as presented. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Access Leasing	Maint Agree	138.41
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Acct.-Aud.-Cler.Serv.	104.00
Akin	Repair	23.77
Alliant Energy	Utilities	30.51
Arrick,Lorie	Other Lab rel serv	1,250.00
AT&T	Maint Agree	733.72
Bissell,Kolby	safety reimb	82.00
Central IA Distrib Inc	Sup	2,120.00
Central IA Ready Mix	repair	1,692.00
Chat Mobility	computer	98.40
Cintas	safety	76.96
CJ Cooper & Assoc	Safety	45.00
Corning Mun	utilities	75.56
Corning Mun	Util	4,064.42
Cott Systems	Comp. Prog/Soft/We	150.00
Crossroads Ment Hlth	Contr.-Oth Gov.&Org	18,796.83
Dasher Elec	Serv	484.50
Dixon,Tanner	Oth Lab rel serv	400.00
Dollar General	Sup	50.30
Dultmeier Sales	repair	1,950.90
EDGE Ag Solutions	Chem & Gas-Herb.	64.43
Electronic Serv Sys	Reg fees/Meet/Sc	100.00
Feeders Grain	Sup	1,609.74
Frontier	Phone	83.43
Heartland Business	Comp. Prog/Soft/We	1,315.62
Hedinger Repair	Fuel, Tires, & Lub	20.00
Helvie,Camryn	Salary-Reg Employ	202.32
Henningson Const	repair	1,173.00
HyVee	Sup	3,016.70
IA Dept of Revenue	Oth Svcs - taxes coll	3,048.48
IA DOT	supplies	4,965.00
ILEA	Edu	125.00
IA Co Attorneys Assn	Sch or mtg exp	75.00
ISAC	Dues	900.00
Karl Chevrolet	Motor Vehicle	850.05
Lenox Family Hard	Paint & Paint Sup	1,078.39
Mail Serv	Serv	23.26
Motorola Inc.	Mach & Equip Pur	118.26
Benjamin Mullen	Reimb	178.97
Murphy Tractor	equipment	367,800.00
Nishna Productions	Serv	385.36
O'Reilly Automotive	repair	36.20
Power Plan	repair	11,418.12
Red Oak Chrysler	equip	40,084.00
RJs Plumbing	Repair	1,700.00
Schildberg	rock	105,392.97
Service Techs	Parts	97.48
Shires,Danna	Oth Lab rel serv	216.00

Solutions Harris	Comp. Prog/Soft/We	4,900.61
SW IA REC	utili	450.81
SW IA REC	Util	7,870.49
TAW Comp	Serv	30.00
Travis Iron	repair	36.05
U.S. Bank	Dues & Member	60.00
U.S. Bank	Ed Materials	6,571.64
U.S. Bank	Equip. New/Rental	843.00
U.S. Bank	Fuel, Tires, & Lub	144.94
U.S. Bank	Jail Supplies	282.95
U.S. Bank	Mach & Equip Pur	884.25
U.S. Bank	Maint Agree	24.95
U.S. Bank	Mtg Exp	27.54
U.S. Bank	Ofc Equip/Furn Maint.	32.98
U.S. Bank	Office Sup/Exp	143.58
U.S. Bank	Oth Sup/Equip	354.37
U.S. Bank	Plumbing Sup	50.64
U.S. Bank	Safe & Prot.Sup	9.23
U.S. Bank	Sch or mtg exp	1,626.50
U.S. Bank	Phone & Fax Service	195.89
United Farmer Coop	fuel	18,849.01
UFMC	Fuel, Tires, & Lub	4,424.85
Vanguard	Comp. Prog/Soft/We	10,575.00
Watson & Ryan PLC	Leg & Ct-Rel Serv.	962.50
Western Ia. Util	Perm Landscaping	5,443.07
Ziegler	REPAIR	12,649.19
Grand Total		655,889.10

Assessor Ben Mullen explained how solar farms are valued and taxed. If the energy is sold on the grid, then it is centrally assessed. If it is being sold directly to customers, then it is locally assessed. There are a lot of gray areas that Mullen is seeking answers from the State regarding this issue.

There was no action taken on remote access to the county's network to work from home.

Maynes moved, seconded by Hardisty to appoint Lynn Brandt to the Zoning Commission. Chris Standley would like to see someone appointed who is more neutral with current wind turbine topics. Maynes stated there are several issues besides wind turbines that the Zoning commission deals with and she wants someone who will show up to the meetings and do the job before them. Hardisty pointed out that in January the board had thought Brandt would do a good job but the appointment was postponed and he feels she would still be a good person for the position. Ayes: Maynes, Hardisty, Akin. Nays: Standley. Motion carried.

Standley moved, seconded by Hardisty to refer to the Zoning Commission development of zoning ordinances for utility-scale wind energy generation facilities and for utility-scale and personal agricultural use solar energy generation facilities. Standley, Hardisty, Akin voted aye. Maynes abstained. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports: Secondary Roads – Base Stabilization demo was completed last week. Motor grader training went well. Lots of tube replacements will be coming up including one on Filbert Ave. Tractor should be coming in soon. Hauling spot rock to problem areas. Recorder – Training is going well with new employee, getting more books back shortly. IT – Phishing emails from Russia are being dealt with, new server is up and running. Sheriff – Jail inspection went well. Having issues getting new vehicles upfitted, there is a vehicle ready to go that will need a decision. Auditor – Working on taxes. Conservation – Storm damage has been cleaned up. The program “Scales and Tails” was well attended and there will be a kayak outing this week.

Public Comments opposing wind turbines were presented by: Marcia Allen and Diane Jacobs. Jeanne Jackson reiterated ordinance recommendations. Marvis Northup had questions on whether any studies had been done and if non-participating landowners were paid. Juli Cooper discussed Good Neighbor Agreements and would like to see setbacks from property lines.

Public Comments in favor of wind turbines were presented by: Mike Mullen related that he has spoken with some of the people who signed the petition and questioned whether they were receiving all of the facts on what they were signing. He is asking to keep the ordinances as they are currently.

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

Committee and Meeting reports were presented as follows: Akin-Southern Hills Mental Health, Corning, July 21; and Maynes – United Fiber-Maryville, Zoom, July 18.

Standley moved, seconded by Hardisty to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

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