

Board Minutes July 15, 2024

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Adams County Court Room with the following members present: Tony Hardisty, Leland Shipley, Bobbi Maynes, Chris Standley, and Scott Akin*. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Hardisty at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Standley moved, seconded by Maynes to approve the agenda and the minutes of July 8 meeting. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. *Chair Scott Akin entered the meeting.

Secondary Roads Update – Have received \$10,000 for the sign grant. Did apply for assistance with FEMA and also attended a webinar on Friday on how to apply for assistance with the importance being documentation. Have purchased culverts as were getting low and it will be 3-5 weeks before they arrive. The contract rock is finished, and work has started on shouldering. The air conditioning in the skid loader is not working so will look at getting it repaired. Closing the HMA project as it is finished. Culvert crews are busy putting in driveways. Have placed a new culvert on 260th between Brooks and Nodaway. Received information regarding a RR crossing program, will reach out to BSNF for more details. The new sign truck is supposed to be returned this week. Have had interest expressed in some of our old and unused equipment by other counties. Working with Nick on TIF projects. There is a Streets/Roads conference in September that might attend.

Department Head Reports – Conservation – The 4th of July weekend went well. Very good attendance for the fireworks on Friday and had 76 children participate in the kids' fishing contest on Saturday. Adams County Cattlemen cooked lunch and Creek Bank Tanks sponsored prizes. A kid's craft area was set up as well that was popular. Hosting Travel Iowa on July 31 for a tour, Q & A, and volunteer work. The Triathlon is scheduled for August 24, and they have added a 5K fun run/walk to the activities. Marti has been doing a Roving Ranger program where she visits the campgrounds and gives mini programs to campers. Programs have also been given at the county fair and the shelter area at the lake. Kayaking will happen later in July. Sheriff- The new truck is done and will get it outfitted with a cage for the drug dog. Auditor – working on taxes and the auditor will be here the first week in September.

Adams County Treasurer, Holly Schafer, presented the annual report and the quarterly investment report. The Board chair viewed the CD held at Union State Bank. Shipley moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve the Treasurer's Annual Report and the Quarterly Investment Report. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Maynes moved, seconded Standley to approve the Military and Homestead applications as presented. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Jeanne Jackson presented to the board a petition for a public measure proposition to be placed on the November general election ballot to reduce the number of supervisors to three. The petition shall be examined before it is accepted for filing. If the petition is found to be valid, the Board of Supervisors shall notify the county commissioner of elections to submit the question to the registered voters at the general election.

Bobbi Maynes made a statement. Allegations were made several months ago regarding myself as having a conflict of interest in Wind & Solar Ordinance. I proceeded forward with an abundance of caution and recused myself. After seeking legal counsel, it was determined I do not have a conflict of interest.

The Board resumed their discussion of the solar ordinances expressing the desire to still maintain the moratorium until the state figures out the taxing structure. Other items discussed were a cap of the total acres and making sure the ordinance was consistent throughout. The Wind Ordinance was then discussed with several items still under consideration. Concerns were brought regarding decibel levels and shadow flicker as well as total cap and set-backs.

Juli Cooper presented to the board her research on the "trickle down" effects of wind projects concerning the county. She has referred her other complaints to the state ombudsman.

Committee and Meeting Reports: Bobbi reported on the engineer position search. Have spent \$884.13 advertising on LinkedIn and have received no good candidates. It was decided to

discontinue advertising there. Maynes – Crossroads, Creston, July 10; Standley – Conservation, Lake Icaria, July 12; Shipley – Loss Control, Corning, July 15; Hardisty – ATURA, Lenox, July 9.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Standley to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

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