

Board Minutes September 30, 2024

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Scott Akin, Tony Hardisty, Leland Shipley, Bobbi Maynes and Chris Standley. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Akin at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Standley moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve the agenda adding discussion of updating Engineer's job posting and the minutes of September 23rd meeting. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Update – Quincy 4 has gotten 5 pilings driven already but are having issues with people breaking into the equipment and messing with it. Hungry Canyon project is wrapping up and a tube on 220th will be replaced next. Busy working on closing out projects. The hailstorm last week necessitated having to send plows out to push hail off of some roads in the county. Weekly FEMA meetings now, hoping to get wrapped up in the next meeting or two. Was awarded a sign grant for \$99,851.50 from the E911 board. Getting order in and should see the signs in the next few weeks. City of Corning will be closing down the intersection of John St. and Corning Carl Road for a wastewater project and will be closed for 2-3 weeks.

The board recognized Donald Ashenfelter for his 40 years of service to Adams County Secondary Roads. They greatly appreciate his dedication to Adams County.

Shipley moved, seconded by Standley to approve purchasing a 2024 Ford F150 Police Responder for \$48,900. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Maynes moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve \$7,000 for Planning and Zoning Salary for Ben Mullen for the 24/25 fiscal year. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Maynes moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve of a restructuring of the Secondary Roads department by eliminating the Road Supervisor position and creating the position of Operations Manager and appointing Dale Kinser to that position for \$90,000. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Steve Dryden presented an update of the Prescott Wind Farm. The tornado knocked down 4 of the 13 turbines. A week later started getting the debris cleaned up. At this point debris pick up is considered done until harvest starts up and will continue to pick up when they are notified of items. Started demolition on July 17th and finished September 20th. The waste was taken to the appropriate waste site and was tested. The crop damage has been taken care of with the landowners. The other 9 have been commissioned. The plan is to have the remaining 4 turbines up and running by the end of next year. Two of the four foundations are bad and will need to be redone and two of them are able to be minimally repaired.

Board discussed again the open engineer position and made changes to the ad that is posted on the Iowa DOT website.

Department Head reports: EMA - EMPG grant was allocated to Adams County EMA. Fire prevention week is around the corner so coordinating drills with the schools. Getting signed up for multiple trainings. Working through insurance with hail damage to the EMA truck. Sheriff – Staying very busy. Getting lots of calls to the school. Was able to hire a School Resource Officer that will start middle of October, and a new Roads Deputy will start this week. Auditor – Still working with Software to fix programming. Contacted the Dept of Management to update on situation with software. The GAAP report is due Dec 1, but there is no financial penalty for missing the deadline. However, a budget can't be submitted without the GAAP report being submitted. Testing machines and preparing for the election. Absentee ballots can be mailed beginning October 16.

Committee and Meeting Reports: Maynes – Crossroads, Sept. 23 and Sept 26, Creston and Comprehensive Plan Meeting, Sept 25, Corning; Akin – Comprehensive Plan Meeting, Sept 25, Corning; Hardisty – E911 board, Sept 25, Creston; Shipley – MATURA, Sept 24, Creston and Comprehensive Plan Meeting, Sept 25, Corning.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Standley to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

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