

ADAMS COUNTY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**MINUTES****Monday, March 1, 2021**

The Adams County Board Executive Committee held the regularly scheduled meeting in the ROE Conference room.

The following members were present:

R. Kent Snider
Bret Austin
Barney Bier
Dave Bellis

Others present:

Gary Farha
Todd Eyer
Ryan Niekamp
Sue Hester
Anthony Foster (zoom)
Drew Zimmerman (zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Snider.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Bellis seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

Mr. Bellis called Grant Bellis as a guest speaker. Grant presented the board with a mortgage tax credit certificate program that would offer a first time homebuyer or veteran a 35% tax credit as long as they own the home though Form 8396 on irs.gov. The town of Normal is a sponsor city. The program has income limits based on the borrowers income between \$81,000-\$91,000, along with a purchase price maximum of \$283,348. There would need to be County Board approval to implement the program in Adams County. The committee thanked Grant for the information, and the committee asked for the information to be presented to Finance.

Mr. Austin stated that the first Land Bank meeting with all partners will be next week. The city received \$165,000 and the County received \$200,000. The city now wants to use the money for their fix or flatten program, but the County has to use it for the land bank. Mr. Austin stated that it takes about \$350,000 to make money off this program over 3 years, so if the city is out, it may not be worth the County participating in the program.

Mr. Austin also brought up the PACE program. The board never finished closing the "loop" on the process, i.e. adopting an ordinance, etc. for the PACE program. This program will specifically exclude residential, this would only apply to commercial. Ryan will send what he has to Bret and Barney. A resolution was passed but not an ordinance because it wasn't finished. The program has been renamed "C-PACE" with the "C" standing for commercial.

Mr. Bellis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Mr. Bier seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Austin made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. Mr. Bellis seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Austin made a motion to amend Mrs. Hester's employment agreement to include the language "Adams County Handbook as issued or amended hereafter," under 1 Position of Employment, second paragraph. Mr. Bellis seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Austin made a motion for the States Attorneys office to take action consistent with what was discussed in Executive Session regarding the Blickhan lawsuit. Mr. Bellis seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Austin made a motion to send the insurance case that was discussed in Executive Session to David Penn for further review and to report back to the Executive Committee. Mr. Bier seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Mr. Bellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Chairman Snider adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Hester, Director of Administrative Services, Adams County Board