

**MINUTES**  
**County Board Executive Committee**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**R.O.E. CONFERENCE ROOM**

Chairman Snider called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

PRESENT: Kent Snider, Becky Weed, Bret Austin, and Dave Bellis

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Ryan Niekamp, Anthony Foster, Gary Farha, Drew Zimmerman

Chairman Snider entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2021 Executive Meeting. Mr. Niekamp stated that the minutes needed to be finished by knowing who seconded to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Austin moved that the motions be approved as corrected, and Mr. Bellis seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes unanimously.

No speakers were present at the meeting.

Chairman Snider wanted to discuss Senate Bill 1602. The UCCI came out with a template resolution for counties to pass a resolution opposing Senate Bill 1602 which would override the county say in Wind Farms. Chairman Snider stated that the resolution would not hold any water but would let the citizens know that the Board is fighting on their behalf. Mr. Niekamp stated that SB1602 really sounds like it would follow similar guidelines as what we see for hog confinements. Mr. Austin believed that SB1602 would even override county-wide zoning if we had it. Chairman Snider mentioned that it does not matter because we do not have zoning and never will. Mr. Austin made a motion to ask the Legislative & Judicial Committee to review the bill and make their recommendation to the County Board. Mr. Bellis seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved to move the resolution.

Chairman Snider provided a Search Committee update. The committee cleaned up what they are looking for and will be posting the job on the county's website and indeed as soon as 05/04/2021. The job will be posted for a three-week period. Mr. Austin asked what the title of the position will be. Chairman Snider stated that it would be "Executive Assistant to the County Board". Mr. Austin asked if that were in line with what we said it would be. Chairman Snider said that the complaint department would be the four executive committee members, not that office. If an office holder is upset about something, they can be upset with the Executive Committee and not the County Board Office. Mr. Austin asked about the salary range. Chairman Snider mentioned that it was \$40-45k/year just to start somewhere and can adjust it if need be. Mr. Bellis asked if we could just bump it up now, so we do not scare anyone off. Chairman Snider said that we could bump it up to \$50-55k/year as the Executive Committee. Mr. Austin apologized that he was out of town and could not attend the first Search Committee. Mr. Bellis asked who was on the committee and Chairman Snider named off all of those on the committee.

Chairman Snider noted that they are starting to receive request for the next round of COVID stimulus money so any department needing to submit a proposal needed to do so soon. Mr. Austin informed the committee that he has received a couple of requests as well and it is a good idea for the Executive Committee to be the filtration for those requests. Additionally, they have received many comments back from several non-profits groups who may benefit from the money. Chairman Snider commented that the county may issue a check to the United Way, and they disburse the money to other entities who need the money. Mr. Austin stated that United Way stated the non-profits 990 forms have been filed so we could compare their 2019's to their 2020's to see what they have lost. Chairman Snider stated that if an organization lost \$100,000 and the county gave them \$50,000, they would be grateful even though it would not make them whole. Mr. Bellis stated that Terry Bauer sent him an e-mail regarding the Dry-vit in the capital budget and if we used COVID stimulus money for the project budgeted, that money could be used for another project such as a roof that is needing to be replaced. Chairman Snider noted that the roof in reference is 15 years old and it was only warranted for a 10-year life span. Mr. Austin stated other priority needs could be landlord rental relief programs. Chairman Snider made mention that another huge part of the money permissible expenses is tourism, and he would like to consider making a match with the City of Quincy to provide funding for the Riverfront Development. Mr. Austin noted that the no-goes for the money are for: pensions, filling the budget gaps to reduce property tax rates, reduction of bond obligations. Another option for the county could be to fix the parking lot across the street from the Courthouse. The City of Quincy is willing to donate the existing alleyway so that area can be expanded. Chairman Snider stated that the parking lot is the last part of the refacing of Vermont Street. Mr. Farha made mention to the committee that the Court System was going to put together a proposal to enhance / upgrade the technology of the court rooms. Mr. Austin noted that high on the list was work that would promote, or assist with, employees working remote which would include computers and computer type of upgrades. Chairman Snider stated that the county will be spending a lot of money on technology -- \$500,000 this year, and \$500,000 next year -- so one million dollars in total. Mr. Austin informed Mr. Farha that the Court Systems had to put that list of wants together very quickly and that would be passed along to them. Mr. Austin reached out to John Simon and Jerrod Welch to see if they had any projects that would qualify under this money. Chairman Snider advised that Jerrod is needing a new HVAC system at the Health Department and a few other minor pieces he is needing at the health department. Mr. Austin brought up a citizen outreach program which would be an Adams County Bucks, or dollars which would put money directly in Adams County citizens' hands. Something in the tune of \$100.00 and the citizen would need to spend the money in Adams County. For the project to work, they would have to work out some more details and find an administrator for the project.

Chairman Snider asked if anyone had anything else. Mr. Niekamp informed the committee that he had officially given the tax extension over to the Treasurer's Office, so the property tax cycle is moving on track. Mr. Austin asked Mr. Niekamp if he had notified the citizens of the waving of the late fee if the first installment of the taxes were not paid but were fully paid by the due date of the second installment. Mr. Niekamp advised that he believed the Treasurer had informed the citizens of this. Mr. Austin asked if there had been any movement with the TIF related questions Mr. Niekamp's Office had for Mr. Austin. Mr. Niekamp stated not there had not been however, with there being no elections coming up this year, they will be looking at those. Mr. Austin stated that inaccuracies are not at the detriment of anyone, just more so, cleaning house. Mr. Niekamp agreed.

Chairman Snider asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting -- seconded by Mrs. Weed. The Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:57pm.

