

IN RE: SPECIAL EMERGENCY JOINT MEETING

A special emergency joint meeting of the Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Council was held at 313 West Jefferson, Decatur, on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., for consideration of extension of a resolution for continuation of limited County government operations, building access and department staffing in response to COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Present were Council Members, Tony Mellencamp, Stan Stoppenhagen, Yvette Weiland; Commissioner Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; County Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown; and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Council Members, John Schultz, Steve Bailey, Dennis Bluhm, Cory Sprunger; Commissioners, Kim Fruechte and Rex Moore, were present via telephone conferencing.

IN RE: OPEN DISCUSSION

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said the Governor made a statewide declaration to stay at home extended to April 20th. He asked the board members what they want to do with the employees pay. Do you want to continue the employees pay to follow the governor’s order? Then we can have another meeting on April 20th.

Council member, Tony Mellencamp, said we do not want employees to get additional pay during this time, then when everyone comes back to work later they do not want them to accrue comp time or get overtime pay. The boards discussed that department heads need to assess the department staff to continue to get the work done while working less hours. They do not want employees to accumulate their workload and cause overtime or comp time when employees return to normal work hours.

Council member, Cory Sprunger, said he wants the departments to keep track of their employees; if they worked, worked from home, or was off due to Covid-19. Dennis Bluhm said he does not want the employees to be over worked when they get back.

Council Chairman, Stan Stoppenhagen, said the IT committee has purchased 13 iPads so employees can work from home. Rex Moore said these were purchased through EMA. EMA Director, John August, approved the payment out of the rainy day fund. These monies are appropriated in rainy day for emergencies for EMA.

County Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown, said the state has continued to pay their employees through April. The board would have to decide if they want to continue paying employees or have 100% pay be decreased. Mrs. Brown said they received a letter from Adams County Health Officer, Dr. Mike Ainsworth, and he recommends to limit the staff for an additional two weeks.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, addressed the boards that they should have another meeting on Monday, April 20th at noon. The boards need to decide whether to pay employees through April 17th. They will need to decide whether to extend the pay after that.

Commissioner, Doug Bauman, said County Council should make the decision on the payroll. They need to give the Commissioners approval to sign the payroll claim. He also asked about putting a hiring freeze for all departments unless the department head gets approval from Commissioners. The boards agreed on the hiring freeze. If the employee(s) have been approved prior to today, they are ok. If there is an essential job position that needs replaced, the department head will need to come to the Commissioners meeting and ask permission to hire.

Council member, Cory Sprunger, asked if anyone of the boards have heard from any departments of any issues with the current situation. Nobody has heard of any issues.

Commissioner, Doug Bauman, and Council Chairman, Stan Stoppenhagen, thanked Julie Marie Brown and Mark Burry for keeping the boards updated with all of the changes.

IN RE: JOINT RESOLUTION 2020-5

Joint Resolution 2020-5, a resolution to Adams County departments during the term of the public health disaster emergency issued by the governor of the State of Indiana under executive order 20-08, was read by County Attorney, Mark Burry.

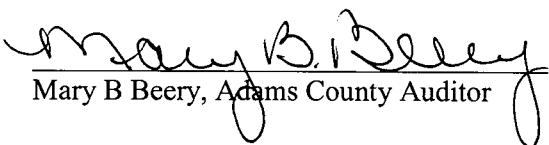
Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger, seconded by Dennis Bluhm, to adopt Resolution 2020-5. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim to adopt Resolution 2020-5. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman, seconded by Tony Mellencamp, for adjournment of the April 6, 2020 special emergency joint meeting of the Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Council. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mary B Beery, Adams County Auditor


Stan Stoppenhagen, Council Chairman

Kim A. Fruechte/s
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman