

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen and Steve Kuhn; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

IN RE: CANCELLED MEETING

Be it duly noted that the Commissioner's meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, at 10 a.m. was cancelled due to a Code Red snow emergency. Therefore, that meeting and today's meeting will be combined.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 9, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: BRIDGE BID OPENING

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, held bid openings to replace culvert C-231 in the Linn Grove area and to install a culvert extension between CR 500S and CR000. This was submitted all as one job bid. Bids were received from Fleming Excavating in the amount of \$81,037.41; Jutte Excavating in the amount of \$93,095.50; and KBL Transport in the amount of \$114,450.80. These bids were taken under advisement to afford the County Engineer time to examine each of the bids to make sure they meet the required specifications. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn, seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval of the weekly Allied Health Insurance funding request for \$17,384.21 dated February 15, 2021. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve weekly Allied health insurance claims for the week 2/22/2021 in the amount of \$43,229.36. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve monthly health insurance claims from Allied in the amount of \$54,034.94. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the monthly payment to Elaine Shafley in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the invoice from Adams Memorial Hospital for the health fair in the amount of \$405.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a worker's compensation claim from Easter Alliance in the amount of \$135.75. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve \$90,921.00 to Bixler Insurance for Workers Compensation renewal. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to transfer \$100,000 from Commissioners to Workers Comp fund 4701. Motion Carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve claims payable for 2-17-2021 in the amount of \$242,352.05. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve utilities paid on 2-4, 2-10, 2-18 in the amount of \$37,587.26. Motion Carried.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve payroll claims paid 2-5-2021 in the amount of \$325,651.17. Motion Carried.

Request for extension of time

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn, to approve rollover of 6 unused days due to COVID and not being able to use them to Magen Wilson. Motion Carried.

Health Insurance Account Balance

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen, to approve the report from Treasurer Ed Dyer's office, of a balance of \$232,305.94 in checking and \$2,113,068.65 in reserve. Motion carried.

IN RE: MAYORS AND COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve annual dues to the Mayors and Caucus of Northeast Indiana in the amount of \$1,500. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, had applied for a grant to do construction and received agreements from the two property owners involved. The area is on CR 1100S along the riverbank. The agreements allow access to begin work on this area.

Tim Barkey noted that the deck is being poured on north bridge over Wabash River and the south half will be next week. This is a two span bridge and will be part of the South Adams Trails project.

IN RE: TRAVEL DECLARATION

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a travel declaration for the state regarding the recent snow emergency, presented by EMA Director, John August. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY
Department

Superintendent Brad Yoder mentioned the bridge over the Smith Shoemaker Ditch, 2.10 miles east of SR 3, will have a thin deck overlay placed on it by the state and he asked about a detour route while the work is being done. This is set to begin on April 1. Adams County will be paid for any damages along the detour route. The route will be from SR 218 north on CR 200E, west on CR 400S, south on CR000, returning to SR 218.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the detour route. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Brad Yoder noted the draw was received for the MVH and LRS. The MVH amount was \$130,594.71. The LRS amount was \$41,562.53. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to place the report into the minutes. Motion Carried.

It was noted that buggy plates registrations will be taking place from March 1 through May 14 and those needing to renew will have to do so with the highway department. Oil bids will be opened on March 2.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Rick Burkhalter reported flags are at half-staff until this Friday to honor Covid victims. He reported that the fencing is completed at the complex around the pad. The elevator in the complex is need of some repairs after an inspection. The county has a few weeks to complete this work.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director, submitted his monthly report. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the annual planning assistance agreement between the county and the Town of Geneva for allowing the Adams County Plan Director to run the BZA meetings for them, in the amount of \$1,200.00 per year. Motion Carried.

Attorney Mark Burry read resolution 2021-5 against HB 1381 which, if it passes the Senate, would give the state authority over local officials regarding installation of wind and solar projects inside the county. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried

COUNTY ATTORNEY

IN RE:

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented a certificate of appointment for the new Administrator of Golden Meadows, Danielle York. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to pay the highway department employee who had been under FLMA to be paid one bi-weekly pay under the Extended sick leave clause of the county. Motion Carried.

IN RE: STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a bi-weekly wage of \$2,230.77 or \$58,000.02 annually as Administrator of Golden Meadows Home to Danielle York. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ASSESSOR OFFICE

Adams County Assessor, Mary Beery, sought approval to hire Don Kuhn, Kuhn Tax Advisors, as an independent contractor to help catch up work in the assessor's office due to an employee having been out for quite some time. The pay rate would be \$20.00 per hour and would come out of the contractual line item. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to hire Don Kuhn as an independent contractor. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Golden Meadows presented their monthly report. The Administrator also sought permission to add a resident to the home. This would make a total of 25. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Golden Meadows Administrator, sought permission to replace a nurse position. Upon a Motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

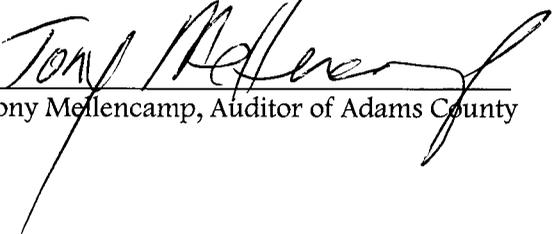
Ian Gilbert, Community Corrections, sought permission to replace a part time person. It is paid through a grant with no benefits. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

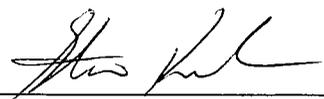
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Resolution 2021-5 presented by County Attorney Mark Burry in which Adams County Commissioners joined other counties denoting their disapproval of HB 1381 which would give the state control over solar and wind farm placements and take away local control. Motion Carried.

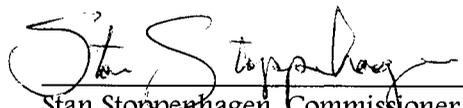
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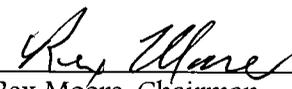
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Steve Kuhn to adjourn, motion carried.

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner


Rex Moore, Chairman