

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 16, 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:** MINUTES

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

**IN RE:** Safety Awareness COVID Grant

Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, presented request #5 and #6 to use up all of the \$115,617.00 Safety Awareness monies that was awarded to Adams County. Request #5 was for payroll & attorney fee reimbursement to the Health Department in the amount of \$41,085.70. Request #6 was for reimbursement of a laptop the Health Department purchased to help with the COVID shot clinic in the amount of \$1,598.27. Ms. Brodbeck also mentioned that the Health Department will be getting 3 more laptops but those will be funded through the FEMA PA Grant for COVID-19. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, and seconded by Steve Kuhn to approve requests #5 and #6 of the Safety Awareness COVID Grant. Motion carried.

**IN RE:** DRUG COURT

Judge Sam Conrad, Adams Superior Court, noted that he had conducted an intensive research into alternatives to drug court. He is creating a new intensive probation program called Grace Probation to replace drug court once the funding cycle of drug court has ended. He had consulted with stakeholders regarding the feasibility of drug court's continuation. He feels that Grace Probation would be able to provide the services that had been offered by drug court and problem solving court. He noted that offenders would have to make a decision as to entering this intensive probation or to serve a jail term, work release, or community corrections. He is going to transfer DOC grant revenues for Grace Probation from drug court if it is approved. He will also seek grant funding for Grace Probation on its own.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve weekly insurance claims from Allied in the amount of \$19,835.63. Motion Carried.

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

**Workman's Compensation**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Eastern Alliance claims in the amount of \$5,712.27. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve accounts payable claims in amount of \$584,685.87. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve payroll claims for March 5, in the amount of \$321,869.64. Motion Carried.

**Weights and Measures**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the report from Larry Weaver monthly report that 44 scales were inspected and all were correct. Motion Carried.

**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve utilities paid 3/15/2021 in amount of \$39,033.95. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported Fleming Excavating had received the bid award for bridge and culvert work. He had contracts to be signed by the Commissioners and Auditor.

In discussing bridge inspection and engineer firms to do this job he noted a change of date to April 12 as the deadline. The bids will be opened at the April 13 meeting.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY

Superintendent Brad Yoder discussed an employee who has reached the limit of time off due to illness. He is asking for an extension of two weeks when he runs out of FMLA. Upon a motion by Steve and second by Stan. Motion Carried.

It was noted that \$1.79 per lineal foot will be the price residents would pay for dust control. People can come and apply until May 14 for dust control.

He noted the cost for above ground tanks would be approximately \$300,000 but to repair existing would be around \$150,000. He is debating which to go for and is seeking information on the best option. He wants to decide which is ultimately the most economical. He received direction from the Commissioners to proceed with seeking options on this project.

**IN RE:** BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Rick Burkhalter reported that some floor tiles were going to be replaced in Superior Court and that air filters would be replaced this month.

**IN RE:** DRUG FREE ADAMS COUNTY

Drug Court Coordinator, Kelly Sickafoose, reported to the Commissioners on the Drug Free Adams grant amounts and distribution. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director, sought approval of the Levi O. Schwartz Subdivision/3 lots/Northeast Corner of 350S and 000 Rd/Monroe Sec. 21. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer Ed Dyer reported that May tax bills are being prepared to be sent out. He mentioned that Adams County is one of only 5 counties in the state that still print bills rather than have a company provide that service. He will research this tax bill cycle to see which way would be most economical.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry presented that benefits for Larry Oberley, new co-superintendent for the sewer district would be paid by county as he would also assist with health department and building and planning. This is also done for Barry Scherer. Upon a motion to approve the new agreement by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

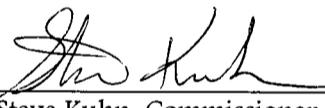
**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

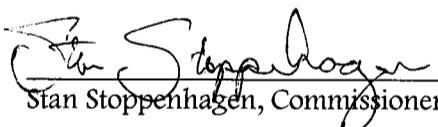
Sheriff Dan Mawhorr reported his department has lost five jail officers this year. He will place "now hiring" signs in various places to try and find more jail employees. The current starting pay for jail officers is \$17 per hour.

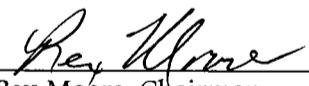
**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner

  
Rex Moore, Chairman