

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 6, 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 Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Steve Kuhn, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for March 30, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: I & M

Brad Terhune, right of way associate with Contract Land Staff, an agent for Indiana Michigan Power Company, appeared before the Commissioners seeking approvals for I&M regarding permanent easement right-of-ways on the jail property (north and south) for electrical transmission, distribution, and communication lines. Easement #1 in the amount of \$4,336.00. Easement #2 in the amount of \$12,588.00. Easement #3 in the amount of \$5,376. This was tabled until next week so Adams County Building Corporation can also approve and sign.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to pay Allied weekly health claims in the amount of \$34,503.79. Motion Carried.

SWCD Remote Work Hours

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the remote work hours for Sandy Voglewede of 48 and Josey Kahn for 84 and a total of 132 hours for March, 2021. Motion Carried. Voglewede reported that the White House and Office of the Secretary have continued their stance regarding Covid restriction policy of in-person staff at a 25% level.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

County Engineer, Tim Barkey reported that a bridge repair be extended 30 days so that KBL Transports can get asphalt brought in. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion carried. Barkey reported his last day after over 28 years of service to Adams County will be April 23.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Brad Yoder, County Highway Superintendent brought several utility permits to be approved. The first, at 700s 500W in Linn Grove, will have a new pole installed to aid the lift station. The second, at Winchester Rd. north of 750N, a pole will be replaced and one added for another lift station. These were both from I&M. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried. Precision Utilities Group, a subcontractor for Century Link, at 6615N 400W will provide service to a homeowner there. At 1616W 550N service will be provided for another homeowner. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Rick Burkhalter reported that the mask mandate executive order has become an advisory. There is a health board meeting this week so a decision was tabled until next week's Commissioner meeting.

A \$6,397.55 quote from Myers Heating and Plumbing for an air handler to be replaced was discussed. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Danielle York, Golden Meadows Administrator, presented the monthly report. The total charged was \$26,630.00 with total receipts being \$16,114.37. There are 25 residents. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the monthly report. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented the updated job description for the Chief Deputy Auditor position. It was changed according to statute that the Auditor appoints the position and that it is an at-will position and can change at the discretion of the Auditor and can be replaced if there is a new person in the Auditor position. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the 2021 retiree medical insurance rate of \$776.80 per month. Motion Carried.

Attorney Mark Burry reported to the Commissioners that the lease for the 2021 crop year at the jail property for Doug Fosnaugh was still in force and that he would send a letter to Doug Fosnaugh to inform him. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Sheriff Dan Mawhorr sought approval for purchase of airline ticket in the fall for Rejena Bluhm to attend sex offender registry training in New Orleans if it is able to be held physically. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

Mawhorr sought approval of a job description change to the jail groundskeeper and building maintenance. His work will also begin to include work on vehicles and other related duties. He wants to take the position from a NE4 to an NE6. This was tabled until next meeting to research it further.

Ian Gilbert, Community Corrections Director, sought a maternity leave of 2 weeks paid for an employee in the department under the county policy allowed once every five years. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen presented 3 claims from Wired for work performed at various buildings. The Circuit Court work invoice was \$2,789.35. The Public Defender office work in the amount of \$2,772.16. The Superior Court work totaling \$1,168.90. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to pay the claims out of Fund 1140.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Tony Mellencamp
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen
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Rex Moore
Rex Moore, Chairman