

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen, County Attorney, Mark Burry, and Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Commissioner Steve Kuhn was not present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Rex Moore, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for April 6, 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. This easement needs approval of the Adams County Building Corporation so is being tabled until that body can meet. Easement #2 in the amount of \$12,588.00. Easement #3 in the amount of \$5,376. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to pay payroll claims in the amount of \$319,235.71. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve Allied weekly claims in the amount of \$22,226.39. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve the bi-weekly claims payable April 14, 2021 in the amount of \$337,621.16. Motion Carried.

Worker's Compensation

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve worker's compensation to Eastern Alliance for the month of March in the amount of \$1,846.50. Motion Carried.

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report submitted by Treasurer Ed Dyer, with deposits totaling \$25,043,606.90. Motion Carried.

Monthly Clerk's Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve the submission of the Monthly Clerk's Report with a balance in all depositories of \$356,143.28 presented by Clerk, Jim Voglewede. Motion Carried.

Animal Shelter Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve the monthly animal shelter report submitted by Charlie Bowers with \$160 in fees collected. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

County Engineer, Tim Barkey reported that bids will be opened May 18 and then taken under advisement until a grant is approved in late July for work south of Geneva. He has applied for a \$100,000 grant and they get 80% of that amount for the Wabash River Bank Stabilization on CR 1100S, east of Geneva.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Brad Yoder, County Highway Superintendent sought two weeks extended pay for the one time in 5 years this is allowed. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore. Motion Carried.

Brad Yoder reported they will begin spraying weeds along roads soon. The chip and sealing equipment is being brought out to prepare to do chip and seal in May.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Rick Burkhalter reported that the elevator in the courthouse was broken and has been repaired. He said the Superior Court door system shut down but began working after restarting it. He also noted air filters and condensers have been replaced and/or cleaned.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Danielle York, Golden Meadows Administrator, presented one admission. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve the admission. Motion Carried. She told Commissioners that the employees who had been transported to Adams Hospital are now out after suffering from smoke inhalation following a fire with smoke damage at Golden Meadows.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Building and Planning Superintendent Mark Wynn presented his monthly report. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented Resolution 2021-9, the mask mandate as remaining in place at the jail, schools, and vaccination clinic. Otherwise, county buildings will observe social distancing, hand sanitizing, etc.

but the mask mandate becomes an advisory. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore to approve 8.5 rollover vacation days for an employee in the Assessor's office due to extenuating circumstances. This was done because the March 31 deadline for Covid related issues has expired and not been extended. These days must be used by June 1. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Sheriff Dan 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. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Rex Moore. Motion Carried. This will now go to the Wage Appeals Committee and then their recommendation will go before the full Council.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Rex Moore to adjourn, motion carried

ATTEST: Tony Melencamp
Tony Melencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Steve Kuhn
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner

Rex Moore
Rex Moore, Chairman