

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen, and Steve Kuhn; HR Coordinator Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Rex Moore, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for July 13, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve utilities paid in Low on July 14, in the amount of \$36,503.58. Motion Carried.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the payroll claims paid on July 9, 2021, in the amount of \$313,217.57. Motion Carried.

Elaine Shafley

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

Allied Monthly Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Monthly Allied Insurance claims in the amount of \$51,830.62. Motion Carried.

Weights and Measures Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Weights and Measures Report for June 16 through July 15. Motion Carried.

Remote Claims Software

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve software addition from Low to offer remote claims submitted by departments in the amount of \$4,000 set up fee and \$1,000 per year maintenance fee. There is money in the Auditor's budget for this. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the weekly claims from Allied Insurance in the amount of \$64,310.19. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve accounts payable on 7-21-21 in the amount of \$577,540.96. Motion Carried.

Golden Meadows Title

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve signing the title to a van totaled in an accident. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Superintendent Brad Yoder, held a bid opening for the work to be done on CR 1200S along the Wabash River. Two bids were submitted. One was in the amount of \$316,920.95 from Primco, Inc. and the other was from Precise Pile Driving in the amount of \$347,739.00. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to award the bid to Primco, Inc. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve contracts signature for work to be done by Jutte Excavating and Brooks Construction on Bridge B-106 and resurfacing a road. Motion Carried.

The Administrator told Commissioners that specs are ready to be sent out for purchases for highway department to send out for bids. One is for a double axle chassis for a dump truck and one is for the installation of a stainless steel dump bed and hydraulic equipment on a new 2022 tandem axle heavy-duty snowplow truck chassis..

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Craigville Telephone to install utility facilities on CR300S and CR600W. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve I&M Power Company to install utility facility at CR450W and US 224. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve utility facility at CR450W and US 224 for NIPSCO. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve report on MVH with \$290,084.14 and LR&S revenues at \$45,711.27. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the ballisters on the walking bridge across the Wabash, South Adams Trails being 6" as per federal code. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Supervisor, informed Commissioners that a circuit panel needs replaced at the courthouse. He has asked for quotes on this and will report back. He reported that the company doing the shredding will be here on August 23. After the Tuesday Commissioner meeting of that week departments can bring items to be shredded in to be locked inside the Commissioner's room.

IN RE: SEWER DISTRICT

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the district borrowing \$500,000 from the Rainy Day Fund in order for them to be shovel ready on several projects they can receive grants for, subject to approval by Council. Motion Carried. They had done this previously and were able to be awarded grants because they were shovel ready. They paid the county back with interest that time. This would have to go before Adams County Council for final approval.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Several people spoke for and against the proposed solar energy installation on farmland acreage in Adams County. The Commissioners had the option of approving the ordinance as the Plan Commission voted, rejecting it, or amending the proposal. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the ordinance recommended by the Adams County Plan Commission. Motion Carried. Steve Kuhn noted prior to his motion that by doing this the county was leaving over a million dollars on the table and that those who were opposed need to remember that.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the work as done on the pedestrian bridge for the South Adams Trails, according to the federal specifications. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a claim to CXTEC in the amount of \$8,059.57 for IT racks with circuit breakers to hold servers out of fund 1000.33603.000.9600. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a claim in the amount of \$1,151.73 for maintenance fee to Electronic Strategies, Inc. 1000.35700.000.9600.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Shannon Greene, HR Coordinator submitted a job description change for the Auditor's office. There will be more changes on the remaining office staff next week. This change is adding payroll and several other duties to the finance deputy description. This is being done as the Auditor's office is short one person. The payroll deputy left for other employment and an HR Coordinator was hired to work under the Commissioner's Department. The work that was being done by that person is now being divided up amongst the remaining staff in the Auditor's office. It was determined by the Commissioners that there would be some supervisory roles with this position.

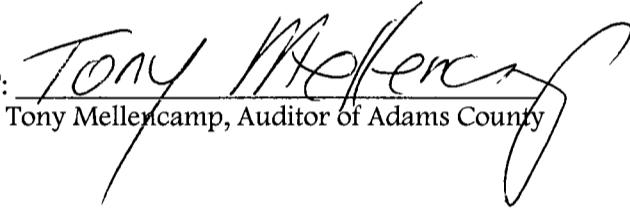
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the new finance/payroll deputy job description. Motion Carried.

The HR Coordinator also sought a small change to the Golden Meadows Administrator job description. It is the removal of a water distribution system certification which isn't necessary for the position. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

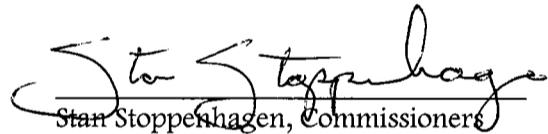
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to adjourn. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:


Tony Mellenkamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner


Rex Moore, Chairman

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an executive session of the Adams County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners room of the Adams County Service Complex to receive information about and interview prospective employees under 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (5).

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Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to adjourn. Motion Carried.