

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 26, 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 County Attorney, Mark Burry.

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for October 19, 2021, subject to amending resolutions from last week to ordinances. Motion carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the payroll claims for 10-15-21 in the amount of \$322,152.01 Motion Carried.

**Allied Monthly Insurance Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Monthly Insurance Claims in the amount of \$50,347.63. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Insurance Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Weekly Benefit Claims in the amount of \$66,939.43. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve accounts payable for 10/27/21 in the amount of \$283,564.61. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Department Assistant Superintendent, Paul Zerby, reported the MVH and Local Roads & Streets revenues from the State. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the MVH and LR&S monthly report with \$305,221.35 in MVH and \$48,502.78 for LR&S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the City of Decatur Water Department to install a water main on CR 000, beginning at SR 218 and ending south of CR 500S. Motion Carried.

Zerby announced that he and Brad Yoder, Adams County Highway Department Superintendent, would be gone Nov. 10 through 12<sup>th</sup> to attend a conference.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Megan Fawbush, Building and Planning Assistant Planning Director, brought several subdivisions for approval to the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second to Steve Kuhn to approve the Replat of Part Lot 1 of Light Acres / St. Mary's Sec. 17 / Lot / Located on US 33, 1.25 miles Northwest of ST. Hwy 101. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Replat Lot 1 of the Arnold's Woods Subdivision / Washington Sec 6 / 1 Lot / Located on CR 200W 0.25 south of 550N. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Replat Lot 1 of the Steven Arnold/Nick Steury Subdivision / Washington Sec 6 / 1 Lot / Located on the SW corner of CR 200W and CR 550N. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Menno N. Schwartz Subdivision / Monroe Sec 15 / 3 Lots / Located on CR 200S 0.25 miles east of CR 000. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Stephen S. Hilty Subdivision / Monroe Sec 15 / 3 Lots / Located on CR000, 0.33 miles north of CR 300S. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Director, will go over details with County Attorney, Mark Burry, regarding specifications on the replacement of the chillers, and report back to the Commissioners.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, brought before the Commissioners the information on open enrollment, including changes to some.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the additional term life, above the \$20,000 currently offered by the county with the amount over that covered by the employee and also the long term disability county portion. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a job description change for the data entry position and reassessment deputy in the Assessor's office. They will both be performing the same duties and the new jobs will both be called Reassessment and Data Entry Deputy. Motion Carried.

Greene noted there were several positions filled recently, including a victim's advocate, Deputy Assessor, and Veteran's Service Officer. The victim's advocate and VSO are both part time positions.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a county cell phone for the VSO position. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Allied Health Insurance plan county contributions remaining the same as they have been going into open enrollment. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Mark Burry noted that the previous week's meeting the Commissioners approved resolutions but they were actually ordinances so now a vote is needed to amend the previous vote to say ordinances rather than resolutions.

Adams County Attorney Mark Burry presented Ordinance 2021-6 which amends Ordinance 2015-16 which establishes the policy for replacement of retiring staff and the hiring of new employees.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Ordinance 2021-7, establishing a fund for special donations to be used for projects related to employment and career training. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve home-ruled fund Ordinance 2021-8, which provides the establishment and use of funds for the restoration and maintenance of the Adams County Peace Monument. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Ordinance 2021-9 under Home-Ruled Fund, which establishes the use of fees for use in providing continuing education programs to law enforcement. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Ordinance 2021-10, which provides for the care and training of police dogs. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Ordinance 2021-11 which establishes the use of donated funds for the Adams County Highway Department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Ordinance 2021-12, which establishes the use of donated funds for the Adams County Health Department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Ordinance 2021-13, which establishes the use of donated funds for the special needs of residents of Golden Meadows. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Ordinance 2021-14, which establishes the use of funds for drug and alcohol awareness and prevention programs. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Ordinance 2021-15, which establishes the use of donated funds for the payment of medical expenses of residents of Golden Meadows. Motion Carried.

Burry reported that a check written by AEP to the Adams County Building Corporation (regarding property on which the jail is located) will be deposited into County General. \$4336.00 is the amount presented by AEP for the use of the easement on that property.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

The Commissioners heard from the new Weights and Measures Director, Dan Hackman. He discussed what the job entails and the training required for the position.

Adams County Treasurer, Ed Dyer, thanked the Commissioners for giving the Auditor and treasurer's offices praise for a smooth 2-year audit and a federal audit. Auditor Mellencamp added that the previous Auditor, Mary Beery, and previous Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg deserved to be part of that praise also, since it was the years they were in office. Commissioner Rex Moore stated that was true and that the current offices did have to search for many documents and records.

Dyer also noted that the SRI Tax Sale will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28.

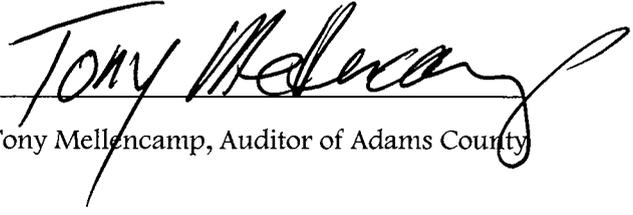
Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen reported that he and County Attorney, Mark Burry, had met with Mike and Cindy Heiser, regarding the new animal shelter. They have been going over the contract and the Heiser's hope to have it up and running by the end of the year.

Commissioner Stoppenhagen reported he has met with officials from Bi-County Services and Council on Aging regarding the joining with Wells County to widen the public transit ability in both counties. Wells will be the main operator with Adams County joining them in this venture. Grant funding will aid the ability to do this venture, but since there may be a match involved, it would behoove the county to see what financial repercussions may exist. Burry noted that he will have to research this further.

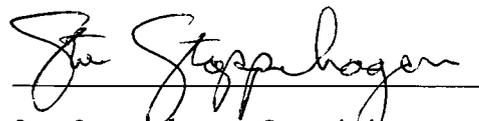
IN RE:

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioners

  
Rex Moore, Chairman