

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore, Auditor Tony Mellencamp, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, and County Attorney, Mark Burry.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and seconded by Steve Kuhn, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Conflict of Interest

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Rex Moore to approve the uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Dave McIntire. Motion Carried.

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for January. Motion Carried.

Drug Free Adams County

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the annual Drug Free Adams County usage of grant revenues in the amount of \$63,000. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director, had nothing to report.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented information on the Ceylon covered bridge and the fact that \$363,809.68 was spent in 2012 to repair and renovate the bridge. At the time it cost over \$12,000 to paint the bridge. The last inspection was in 2019 and the result of that was an issue with insects doing minor damage. This came up after a previous discussion about painting the bridge for an upcoming Geneva celebration.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to allow a utility permit for NIPSCO to run a gas line at 400N and 200E. Motion Carried.

Yoder noted that oil bids for the upcoming year will be opened on March 8 at the Commissioner meeting.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Director, reported that the grounds crew kept busy keeping sidewalks clear during the recent snow event.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, said some employees have asked if the time badges that open doors could be changed from 7:58 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. as it is sometimes difficult to find the badge quickly and this would give them more time to find the badge and get inside the building to be able to clock in for work.

There was a discussion regarding whether or not to pay essential employees who were forced to work during a Code Red when offices were closed. This would include plow drivers, sheriff's department, etc. and would allow an incentive to those workers above the 8-hour shift they would already be paid. The incentive discussed was one hour of comp. time on top of the 8 hour pay shift. The Commissioners decided that since that is not current policy that it would be further discussed but not added as an incentive for the recent closure due to weather.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented Ordinance 2022-1, which creates a fund to hold work-release fees collected rather than have the revenues go directly into the general fund so that his department can purchase items pertinent to work release, specifically since user fees generate those revenues.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve Ordinance 2022-1. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the renewal of the county property and casualty insurance to Travelers from February 9, 2022 to February 9, 2023 in the amount of \$424,704.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve allowing Commissioner President, Stan Stoppenhagen, or County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, to sign any necessary documents in order for this to be bound and issued by the insurance company. Motion Carried.

The County Attorney discussed with Commissioners of a possible request from the Adams County Regional Service District (ACRSD) of \$1.5 million from ARPA revenues so that the District would not have to borrow and pay interest. He noted the cooperation between the county and the District in the past and hopes that will continue with the revenues to help fund the current project being completed by the District.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the County Attorney amending the resolution allowing ARPA revenues up to \$1.5 million to the District for sewer projects. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve paying the invoice for the Mayor and Commissioners Caucus membership for 2022 in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion Carried.

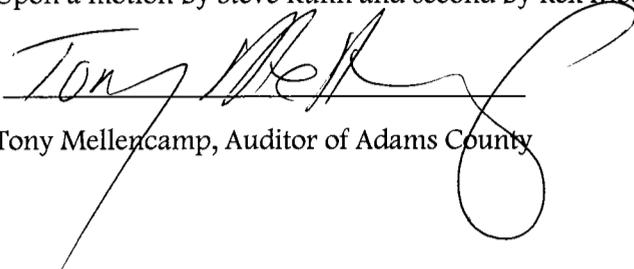
Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve an Executive Order to declare a weather Code Red and to issue a second executive order declaring the all clear following the severe weather. Motion carried.

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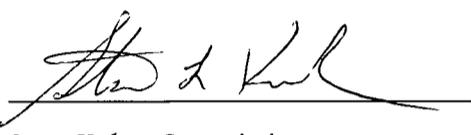
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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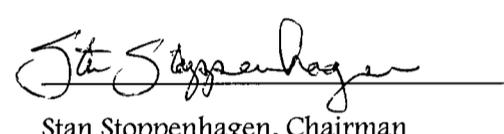
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County



Steve Kuhn, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioners



Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman