

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 19, 2022 at 10:00 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, 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 April 12, 2022. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Clerk Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the March Monthly Clerk of the Court's Report as submitted. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the weekly Allied Benefits System insurance claims in the amount of \$28,194.84 \$. Motion Carried.

**Weights and Measures Report**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the submission of the Monthly Weights and Measures Report from Inspector, Dan Hackman. Motion Carried.

**Elaine Shafley**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Monthly Claim for Elaine Shafley, for insurance consulting, in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion Carried.

**Utilities Paid in Low**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the utilities paid in Low in the amount of \$40,918.43. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Gladys Ilene Flowers Subdivision/Monroe Sec 30/3 Lots/Located on the Southwest corner of CR400S and CR200W. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Department Superintendent, and acting Engineer, Brad Yoder, presented several utilities placement requests.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve replacement of 5 utility poles by I&M in Washington Twp., St. Mary's Twp, and Washington Twp., around CR200N. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the monthly report of revenues sent from the State into LR&S, and MVH in the amounts of \$40,433.83 and \$305,427.37 respectively. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the purchase of a laptop computer, which tells the workers diagnostically, what an issue is with a piece of equipment. The motion also included the purchase of laptops to replace the office computers, which are virtual. The county is going to try and get away from virtual. The total amount is \$5,407.00. Motion Carried.

**IN RE** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Director, reported to the Commissioners an update on the chiller project. Several contractors met with Burkhalter to look over the chiller specs and have an idea what the work would require.

Upon a motion to approve a contract between the county and S&C Construction to do work in the power room, to start with the execution of the contract. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene reported one retiree from the highway department. Linn Burkhardt has been employed for 34 years with the highway department.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve posting for the highway position from which Burkhardt is retiring. Motion carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Attorney, Mark Burry, had nothing to report.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer Dyer noted that the tax statements have been mailed out and the office is very busy with people paying their taxes.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Chris Krull, of Park and Rec. to place a plaque in the gym at the Adams County Service Complex. Motion Carried. He said Steve Lytle came to them about 15 years ago to place a pickleball court in the gymnasium and it has since taken off in a big way. Steve passed away in 2020.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve a National Day of Prayer at the Adams County Peace Monument at the courthouse on Thursday, May 5, from noon to 1 p.m. Motion Carried.

There was much discussion held regarding the setback issue that had been discussed at previous meetings. Doug Bauman and Kim Fruechte, former Commissioners, were there to say they felt the setback should be left at 3,000 feet. The Commissioners had previously changed the setback to 800 feet for a school or church, from an intensive livestock operation, but the Adams County Plan Commission sent it back as 1320 feet of setback. The matter was tabled and the Commissioners have until June to discuss the issue before coming to a decision.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the annual contract with the VPAT machines at \$13,000.00 per year for four years. Motion carried. This included the fact that by 2024 every voting machine would require a paper trail with it. This was passed by the legislature during the last session. It was noted there will be some funding from the state on this. But the amount of funding is not yet known.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the user fees updated by the health department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner Chairman, to sign the contract for the purchase of the Spillman System for the Adams County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$697,047.00 pursuant to I.C. 5-22-10-7. Motion Carried. This was approved by the Adams County Council previously.

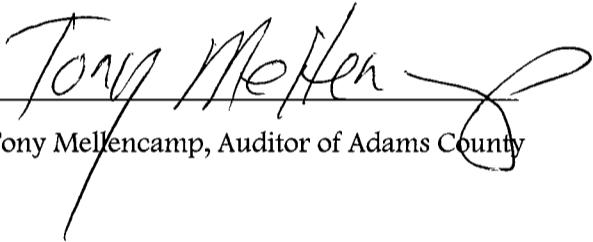
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve Dell Technologies claim in the amount of \$68,569.99 pursuant to I.C. 5-22-10-7 for the fees associated with licensing out of 100.35705.000.9600. Motion Carried.

There was discussion with the Health Department and its attorney, Luke Ainsworth, regarding a possible trash ordinance for the county. It was determined that where it concerns public health, safety, and welfare, the Health Department already has jurisdiction in regards to junk, trash, and so forth in the county. County Attorney, Mark Burry, noted he and Ainsworth would confer on an ordinance that spells out exactly what can be done with properties that have become unsightly and unsafe.

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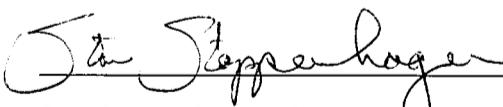
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

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Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
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Rex Moore, Commissioners

  
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Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman