

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Bailey, Steve Kuhn, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, County Attorney, Mark Burry, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, and Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and seconded by Steve Kuhn, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for April 11, 2023. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Eastern Alliance**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve worker's comp claims to Eastern Alliance, in the amount of \$4,315.48. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$71,377.73. Motion Carried.

**Weights and Measures**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Weights and Measures Report into the record, submitted by Inspector, Dan Hackman. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds Director, Rick Burkhalter, updated the Commissioners on several items This included testing fire sprinkler tests and fire extinguisher tests in both courthouses. He noted a group, including Commissioners from Defiance County, Ohio, toured the Adams County Courthouse recently, as they anticipate remodeling their courthouse.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve bridge preventative maintenance contracts to be done by USI Engineering. Motion Carried. This engineering would have to be done regardless of being awarded grants or not. Having the engineering done prior can help with being awarded the grants. The amounts for the engineering for each of the three bridges are: \$95,000.00; \$105,400.00; \$101,800.00. If the grants are awarded, it would be an 80-20 split. The County would pay 20% if awarded the grant.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve proceeding with the engineering on clearing debris and possible replacement of two pipes on CR 600W. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to seek quotes on road paint striping on some county roads that are being chip and sealed. Motion Carried.

Brad Yoder, Adams County Highway Department, asked that drivers be aware as we enter summer, there will be workers out repairing roads and to drive safely.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the monthly draws or MVH and LR&S to the Adams County Highway Department. Those amounts are \$317,344.03 for MVH and \$42,558.90 for LR&S. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNNG

There were no reports.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the fact that tax collections were continuing. He thanked county employees for parking in the lot across from the fitness center to make room for taxpayers. He also noted he had attended the SRI Tax Conference recently.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

There were no reports by the HR Coordinator.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Civics Plus software, in the amount of \$4,270.00 out of 1138.42702 to update the county website as it applies to ADA compliance. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve \$2,551.05, out of fund 1138.42702, to CBTS for integration software which will allow Web Ex to connect with Teams meetings if needed. Motion Carried.

Nathan Scherer, Adams County Regional Sewer District, updated the Commissioners on what the District has been doing, is currently doing, and will be doing as they proceed through various phases of work.

Darrel Haines came before the Commissioners to report publicly that he had a concern with a bees at SR224 and CR300W and the fact that at times there are many hives which could be a danger to people if they get stung. He claimed he had been stung in the past as he was riding a bicycle by the area. County Attorney, Mark Burry, noted there is no clear law about this as it is on agriculturally zoned property outside of city limits. The DNR typically regulates these operations. Tony Rekeweg, of Rekeweg Honey, was on hand to answer questions regarding this. He stated there is one semi that brings hives to that area and that they are shipped across the country soon after. It was suggested that perhaps some signs be placed to warn the public that bees are present. Brad Kolhagen, Purdue Ag Agent, was also on hand to discuss the issue. It was noted that bees are very important but that there may be some ways to warn the public. Rekeweg noted many of the hives are only there a short period of time before they are transported to other states.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, reported that several tracts at the county farm property were sold at auction. Around 70 acres on the west side were appraised with a minimum bid of around \$15,200.00. The actual price sold at auction was \$1,090,000.00 or \$15,570 per acre for the land across from the County Home. The acreage around the county home at 62.4 acres brought in \$750,000, which was less than the minimum bid. A public hearing will be held at the Commissioner's meeting on May 2, at 10:05 a.m. as to whether or not they will sell the property for that amount.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and Steve Kuhn to approve setting a public hearing to consider the sale of the county farm property that did not reach the minimum bid on Tuesday, May 2, 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioner Room. Motion Carried

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**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Tony Mellencamp  
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Steve Kuhn  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

Steve Bailey  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman *WRA Rendre*