

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met May 2, 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, Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Lee, 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 25, 2023. Motion Carried.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING

A discussion was held regarding the sale of about 60 acres of land around the county farm property, which came in for less than the appraised value at a recent auction. There were three taxpayers speaking against selling it for less than the appraised value. They were, Doug Bauman, Fred Kunkel, Dennis Bluhm. This was taken under advisement, with a decision expected at next week's Commissioner meeting.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve exiting the Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Animal Control Report

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the animal control report for April, submitted by Chad Sprunger. 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 \$22,397.62. Motion Carried.

Animal Shelter Report

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Report for April for the Adams County Animal Shelter. There are currently 22 dogs and cats sheltered. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds Director, Rick Burkhalter, was busy attending to several items in county buildings so did not give a report.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve requests for right of way permits in both St. Mary's and Washington Townships for AEP to replace utility poles. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Highway Department to begin 10-hour work days in May 15, from Monday through Thursday. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Hiday GM quote of \$56,761.00 for a 2023-24 pickup truck. Motion Carried. Bids had been submitted at last week's meeting.

It was noted by Commissioner Steve Kuhn that a merit award had been presented to the County by ACEC Indiana at a recent conference. It was for the Berne-Geneva Trail and Historic Multi-Span Truss Rehabilitation project.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Golden Meadow's West Subdivision / Washington Sec 14 / 3 Lots / Located on CR200E, south of CR 400N. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the fact that tax collections were continuing.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

The HR Coordinator had no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the use of the Courthouse Peace Monument for the National Day of Prayer from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 11. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve an increase in funding for Bi-County Services to \$45,408.00. Motion Carried. Tim Ramsey, Bi-County Services Director, presented the need for an increase.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve up to \$2,000.00 to repair a non-working emergency siren at Hannah-Nuttman Park in Decatur. This is to be paid from 1152.42601.000.0000, LEPC budget. Motion Carried. This amends a motion made the previous week to pay it out of Commissioners budget.

Colton Bickel, AEDC, presented a need for housing and child care in Adams County and asked for a three-year commitment of \$25,000.00 each year to help this process, including hiring a director. The matter was taken under advisement.

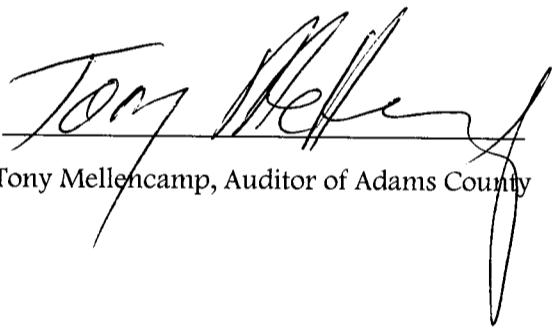
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a 5-member Drainage Board, comprised of two Commissioners, mixed, preferably with members from the north, south, and central part of the County. The terms would be staggered with the amount of years of service. The Adams County Council would have to approve the additional per diem costs. Motion Carried. The County Attorney will bring a Resolution to this effect in the future.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

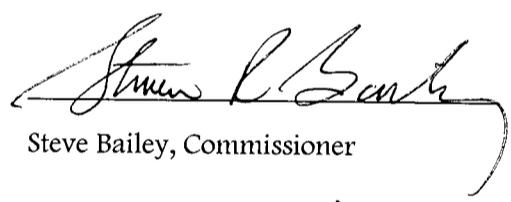
Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Ordinance 2023-12, rezoning petition filed by Knapp Investments, LLC at 5095 SW SR 116, Bluffton, IN, from Agricultural to light industrial, 5 acres. Motion Carried.

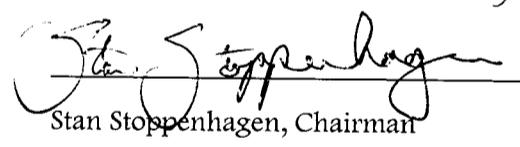
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Melencamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman