

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met June 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Bailey, Steve Kuhn, County Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, 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 June 6, 2023. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Monthly Clerk Report

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve entering the Monthly Clerk Report into the record, submitted by Clerk, Shelly Brite. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$96,227.35. Motion Carried.

Eastern Alliance

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Eastern Alliance Worker's Comp claims in the amount of \$8,748.22. Motion Carried.

Right to Life

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve allowing National Right to Life to use the courthouse lawn for a rally on June 24, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Chairman Stoppenhagen to sign off on a title for a piece of Highway Department equipment that is no longer in use. It was a 1980 Ford van. Motion Carried.

Adams County Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported that engineering quotes dropped from the original given by USI Engineering, due to the federal government dropping out of the process. There are more costs for federal revenues as more is required to submit engineering bids. Bridge 58 was \$95,000.00 but is now \$56,300.00 for engineering; Bridge 155 was \$101,800.00 but lowered to \$63,100.00 and Bridge 142 had been \$105,400.00 but is down to \$83,700.00. There is no requirement to seek quotes for engineering, but Commissioner Steve Bailey said he would at least like that question asked. Evidently, it requires some amount of work for the firms to work up bids and without being assured of getting the job, it makes it problematic to submit a bid on a project.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve getting engineering work done on Bridge 180 replacement on CR 625W., by CivilCon, Inc. Motion Carried

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Buildings and Grounds Manager, updated the Commissioners on the power room project and brought some quotes on the scope of work. The work will be under the Generator ARPA approved project.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the power room project work with a low bid of \$71,300.00, contingent upon how Council decides to fund it and that Council makes a decision on the funding prior to the power room electrical work being done. Motion Carried. He questioned the amount of overage from the original \$300,000 originally appropriated.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer reported to the Commissioners the amount netted following the sale of the Golden Meadows properties and that he has invested that into Trust Indiana. The amount was approximately \$1.7 million.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the internal controls with Vivyan Loyd, Golden Meadows, Auditor’s Office, and Commissioner Steve Bailey, in confirming cash box amounts in closing out the cash box. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the design of a county employee business card submitted by Shannon Greene, HR Coordinator. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a total of 4 projects totaling \$80,403.53 out of fund 1138.42500, for Matrix Integration, Koorsen Fire and Security, and BeSecure Alarm. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve submission of the Council on Aging Annual Report, presented by Council on Aging Director, Michelle Lengerich. The amount is a jump from \$36,000.00 this year to \$40,000.00 for the 2024 budget. Motion Carried. Lengerich said the increase to all units involved is due to expansion of services since the move to the Merit Center.

There was a discussion on information Chairman Stoppenhagen had given to the Commissioners regarding the IT Steering Committee becoming the IT and Infrastructure Change Committee. Steve Bailey noted he had some edits to it and would like to see it return to the IT Steering Committee and not be considered the Change Committee. He did not think there was a need for a County Attorney to be present at each meeting but could be asked if there was a specific question the Committee might have. Bailey feels as if the Change Committee is overlapping into work the Commissioners should be overseeing.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Mark Burry reported to the Commissioners that his office is working on several things that he will be bringing up in the future.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey 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, Chairman