

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met August 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, Steve Bailey, Commissioner 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 Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for August 15, 2023. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

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 \$28,707.64. Motion Carried.

Weights and Measures

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

Utilities Paid in Low

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the utilities paid in Low in the amount of \$36,682.13. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter presented the Commissioners with several updates. He noted that the Adams County Prosecutor's office will be working out of room 125 until the air conditioning unit in the Courthouse is repaired.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jason Nussbaum thanked Bad Yoder and the Commissioners for use of the parking lot during the 4H fair.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the AirMarking co. as the bid for paint striping at a bid of \$113,945.50. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve two NIPSCO right-of-way for installation of service lines in Root and Kirkland Townships. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the monthly draws for August for MVH and LR&S, in the amounts of \$81,978.28 and \$25,532.56 respectively. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Building and Planning Report, submitted by Director, Mark Wynn. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve M.W. Subdivision / French Sec 13 / 3 Lots / Located on CR300W, south of CR200S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Ivan and Verna Schwartz Subdivision / Monroe Sec 19 / 3 Lots / Located on the corners of CR300S and CR300W and CR350S and CR300W. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer Ed Dyer presented request for proposal bids from various banks for the Finance Committee.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve tabling the bid proposals from the area banks in order to take the matter under advisement. Motion Carried.

Dyer noted that the finance Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve opting into the State Health Fund, Resolution 2023-23, sought by Health Officer, Dr. Michael Ainsworth. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve approval of Bixler Insurance as the Insurance County Broker of Record for the property/casualty insurance. Motion Carried.

Colton Bickel, ACEDC Director, sought approval of revenues to aid with the child care issue in Adams County. He noted other entities in the county have contributed to this issue. He sought \$25,000.00 per year for three years from the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve vote centers in the county, with Swiss Village and Woodcrest being taken off the list as vote centers. Motion Carried. Vote Centers for the November, 2023 election, will be, in Decatur, K of C Hall, The Bridge Church, and in Monroe, Monroe Fire Station. There are no elected contests in Berne or Geneva. Adams County Clerk, Shelly Brite, presented this to Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve changing language in Ordinance 2021-2, so that 1-F will now read 40 hours per week maximum for travel board workers, and changing election night assistants to vote equipment workers and increasing pay to \$50.00 per night, rather than the current \$25.00. This will come back as a new ordinance after the County Attorney rewrites it. Motion Carried. This was sought by Adams County Clerk, Shelly Brite.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve funding of the child care program, Imagine Early, presented by ACEDC Director, Colton Bickel, at \$25,000.00 per year for three years, to be funded through CEDIT revenues. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve an extra \$1,000.00 paid to Upper Wabash River Basin Commission for one year and provide a meeting room two times in room 125 each year for three years at a value of \$300.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve looking into hiring Miller Land Surveyors to survey the acreage around the jail, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. Motion Carried. Bailey will work with Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, on possible revenues from ARPA.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve signing the contract for USI Insurance Services, LLC, Jody Kinsey, to become the health insurance provider, providing the changes in language is accepted. Motion Carried.

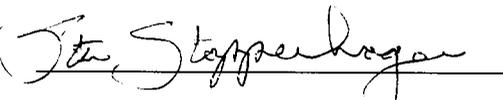
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman