

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, Steve Bailey, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator Shannon Greene, 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 November 14, 2023. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Eastern Alliance**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Eastern Alliance worker's Comp claim, in the amount of \$1,299.78. Motion Carried.

**Allied Health Insurance Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$7,194.55. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants were valid.

**Weights and Measures**

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

**Elected Official Bond**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the elected official bond for Assessor, Mary Beery, in the amount of \$150.00. Motion Carried.

**Elected Official Bond**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve an elected official bond (2 bonds) for Sheriff Dan Mawhorr, in the amount of \$100.00 and \$150.00. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Payroll Claims in the amount of \$365,163.68. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Time Card Approval**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Time Card Approval for Department heads who are appointed. Motion Carried.

**Payroll AP Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll AP Claims in the amount of \$317,136.24. Motion Carried.

**Utilities Paid in Low**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the utilities paid in Low, in the amount of \$29,481.85. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve paying the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$455,611.54. Motion Carried.

**Allied Monthly Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Allied Monthly Claims in the amount of \$70,619.34. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Manager, updated the Commissioners on several items.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a right of way to Community Fiber Solutions for Monroe Township. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the monthly draws from the state for LR&S, in the amount of \$46,952.38 and MVH in the amount of \$152,042.74. 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, into the record. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Melvin M. Schwartz Subdivision / French Sec 15 / 2 Lots / Located on the northwest corner of CR300S and CR500W. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, reported to the Commissioners that tax collections went well and that there are currently five parcels to go up for certificate sale in January.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a two-week pay for an employee on a leave of absence who has exhausted all their PTO time. This can be done once every five years for an employee. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Chairman signing the contract with Ardellis for stop-loss coverage. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Randy Lehman as their appointment to the Wabash River Basin Commission, Resolution 2023-36, and Laura Schwartz as the alternate. These are one-year terms. Motion Carried. All three Commissioners approved.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve an ARPA request for Prosecutor, Jeremy Brown, in the amount of \$35,842.39 for a more secure door and camera system in his office. Motion Carried. This will now go before County Council for approval.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a claim for IT to Innovative Integration Inc., in the amount of \$174,244,72, presented by Mike Brown. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve eliminating the Commissioner meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, on the day of the Adams County Council meeting. The Commissioners will meet on every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. Stan Stoppenhagen was a no vote.

Brenda Johns, interim Golden Meadows Director, provided an update on Golden Meadows. She noted there are currently 15 residents, and they are continuing to work on placement for the remaining residents.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, reported to Commissioners an ARPA request from Sheriff Dan Mawhorr, in the amount of \$68,251.42.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve an ARPA request, in the amount of \$68,251.42, to replace and upgrade equipment in the Sheriff's Department. Motion Carried.

**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

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Steve Bailey, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman