

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, Steve Bailey, County Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for November 28, 2023. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Claims, in the amount of \$360,846.26. Motion Carried.

Allied Health Insurance Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$20,480.93. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants were valid.

Payroll Time Card Approval

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll Time Cards for appointed Department Heads. Motion Carried.

Clerk Monthly Report

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

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$1,082,076.34. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, updated the Commissioners on various projects. He also offered condolences to Joe H. Schwartz, who passed away recently, and had helped the county out numerous times.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

Adams County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, presented the County Engineer Report to the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve taking the 2024 annual highway bids under advisement. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve two right of way permits to City of Berne to install water main on CR000 and CR700S; and from CR700S to the Eastview Apartments. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

IN RE: TREASURER

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the promissory note from FBB in the amount of \$250,000.00. Motion Carried. This establishes a line of credit for worker's compensation claims.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Monthly Treasurer Report, submitted by Treasurer, Ed Dyer. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the elected official bond for Treasurer Ed Dyer, in the amount of \$737.00, insuring him for \$300,000.00. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the policy regarding CDL driver's and training, as well as background checks for all future employees. There is also an amendment to the banked holiday time policy in the Sheriff's Department. Motion Carried. The firearm and weapons policy in county buildings for employees, unless otherwise authorized by law or by exception from Commissioners, or general public to bring firearms and weapons into county buildings, or onto county property, was also approved. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to pay 228 hours of time worked to employees who had been on military leave and should have been paid, but there was no policy in effect at that time. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve an ARPA request for \$25,000.00 for rent for Community Corrections for one year. Motion Carried. This will now go before the County Council. This was a 3-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve splitting the \$75,000.00 request \$37,50.00 for housing and the rest for providing recovery services to Adams County residents., from the Opioid Settlement revenues. Motion Carried. This would also go before County Council. This would mean a requirement for Crossroads Community to come before the Commissioners at least quarterly. This was a 3-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a change in Precincts in Decatur. This involved precinct 1 and 3. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Steve Bailey discussed asking Council for ARPA revenues to help with updating the Adams County Comprehensive Plan, which has not been updated for around 30 years.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Commissioners going to Council with an ARPA request for help with updating the Adams County Comprehensive land Use plan. Motion Carried.

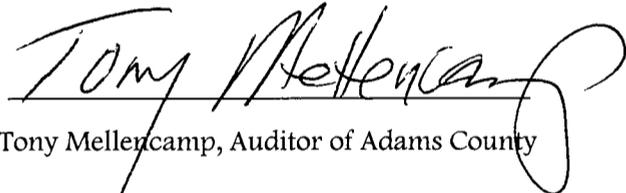
Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Chairman, Stan Stoppenhagen, joining the Community Mental Health Services Board. Motion Carried.

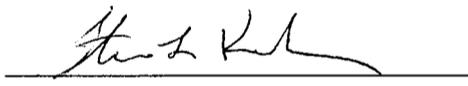
IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

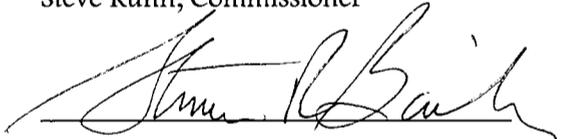
Attorney, Mark Burry, updated the Commissioners on several items.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellenkamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman