

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 30, 2024 at 10:00 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, 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 January 23, 2024. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Allied Weekly Insurance Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve paying the Weekly Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$15,339.31. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants were legitimate.

**Payroll Time Card Approval**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll time cards for certain department heads. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$374,815.23. Motion Carried.

**Eastern Alliance**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Eastern Alliance Worker's Comp claims in the amount of \$1,945.97. 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 \$38,092.66. 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 \$899,990.65. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Buildings and Grounds Manager, updated the Commissioners on the Generator project.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, presented his engineer report. He noted that quotes from the pipe suppliers for his project list are due by February 9.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a right of way permit for Media Com on Salem Rd. to place conduit. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, noted that the Commissioners held a Financial Planning Committee meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. There will be a Commissioner Certificate Tax Sale today at 1 p.m.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a quote of \$4,350.00 to add security measures for the credit card payment system in the Treasurer's office. Motion Carried. This would be paid out of fund 1138.42500.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a job description for the ADA Compliance appointment. Motion Carried. This will go before the wage review committee to determine if there will be compensation or not for this position. This would have its own line in the Commissioners budget.

Upon a motion by to approve payment of a CDL for qualified persons for an assistant mechanic in the Highway Department, per the CDL Policy of the County. The Highway Department would pay for this. The language is changed to allow CDL training after hiring and they must stay with the county for at least three years. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:**

**OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Mike Brown, IT Administrator to begin the pursuit of the .gov process which the state is saying will be a requirement for all counties soon. Motion Carried. This was a 3-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve allowing the State of Indiana to do an intrusion test on the IT system, to show any areas of possible weakness. Motion Carried. There is no charge for this This was a 3-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve purchase of IT racks to Matrix Integration in the amount of \$11,084.78, out of 1138.42500. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the renewal proposal for workers comp insurance to Eastern Alliance in the amount of \$98,489.00 annually. Motion Carried.

Dustin Cressman and Doug Nelson, Bixler Insurance, reported to Commissioners that the current company for property and casualty, Liberty Mutual, was increasing its price. They will look at presenting a final proposal at next week's meeting.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Resolution 2024-3, confirming Adams County is an eligible entity to join with the cooperative agreement with the Fort Wayne Housing Authority to enter into the Hoosier Homes Program. There is no fiscal obligation to Adams County. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve signing the interlocal agreement with the Fort Wayne Housing Authority. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the low bid of \$6,551.00 submitted by Direct Fitness Solutions for athletic rubber flooring, for the Park and Rec. Department Motion Carried. This will be paid with revenues from the American Rescue Plan Act and had been previously approved by Commissioners and Council.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the low bid of \$15,050.00 submitted by Direct Fitness Solutions for two treadmills for the Park and Rec. Department. Motion Carried. This will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act and had been approved by Commissioners and Council previously.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the low bid of \$10,759.00, submitted by Hilty Engine, for an Exmark Mower for the Park and Rec. Department. Motion Carried. his will be paid with the American Rescue Plan Act and had been previously approved by the Council and Commissioners.

Steve Kuhn and Steve Bailey made note that the countywide land use meetings do not involve anything other than asking stakeholders to give their thoughts on how the comprehensive plan needs updated because the last ordinance on this was in 1994. Nothing else is being discussed.

**IN RE:**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a rezone recommended by the Plan Commission for CR2404E CR300N, from ag to light industrial, Section 24 Washington Twp., as a Do Pass. This would be Ordinance 2024-2. Motion Carried.

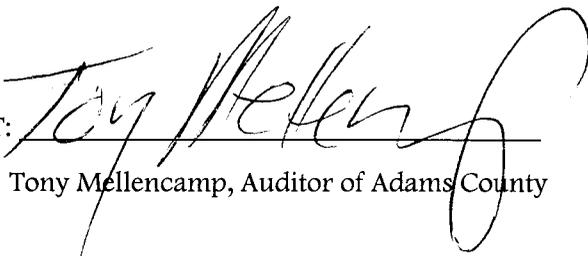
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Steve Bailey as interim ADA Compliance Officer. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman