

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Bailey, County Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Steve Kuhn was not present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 6, 2024. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the amended minutes for the October 17, 2023 minutes. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Allied Weekly Insurance Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve paying the Weekly Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$58,758.13. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants were legitimate.

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Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve paying the Weekly Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$10,160.16. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants were legitimate.

Animal Control Report

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the animal control report submitted by Chad Sprunger. Motion Carried.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$376,985.99. Motion Carried.

Payroll Time Card Approval

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Time Card Approval for department heads. Motion Carried.

USI Insurance Services Claim

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the quarterly payment of \$9,000.00 to USI Services for insurance consultant fees. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$502,055.74. Motion Carried.

Worker's Comp Fund

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve moving \$150,000 to the Worker's Comp Fund 4701. Motion Carried.

Eastern Alliance Renewal

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the renewal of Worker's Comp Insurance to Eastern Alliance at an amount of \$97,406.00. Motion Carried.

Payroll AP Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll AP Claims in the amount of \$330,604.16. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Manager, reported to the Commissioners that the State Fire Marshal's Office inspected the service complex and basically said no extension cords were to be used, but to use power strips instead. He also did not want power strip to be plugged into another power strip.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve moving forward with correcting all the items that need to be corrected, including some new smoke detectors, plug-ins, etc. and then pay that cost out of fund 1138. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, presented his engineer report. He thanked the Highway Department for its help in getting him settled in there.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the low bid for the highway department Bush Hog mower, offered by Rupley Farm Equipment for \$30,284.36, the lowest responsive bid. Motion

Carried. The other bids were Paul Reidenbach Equipment at \$31,000.00; Hull Bros. at \$42,100.00; Technology International at \$31,800.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the lowest responsive bids for a skid loader and mini excavator, to Bobcat of Fort Wayne for a total of \$177,125.76. Motion Carried. The other bids included Truland Equipment at \$205,857.81; Macallister Machinery at \$196,776.29; Nussbaum Mechanical at \$190,806.00.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the one year or 750 hours trade in for both machines for \$12,500.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a right of way permit to I&M to place a pole in Wabash Township. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

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

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, presented his report to the Commissioners, including thanks to Bob Hakes for his help in installing the new credit card readers in the Treasurer’s office.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Shannon Greene, HR Coordinator, reported that the wage review committee had recommended a payment for the appointment as the ADA Coordinator position. It was approved at the County Council meeting and the Commissioners will discuss this at a future meeting.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve taking bids for a new dump truck and trailer under advisement. These were opened by Surveyor, Mike Werling. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a cell phone to be utilized by the Surveyor crew to call landowners prior to going on properties. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Nathan Landis as the Commissioner’s Health Board appointment. Motion Carried. The appointment form will be brought to next week’s Commissioner meeting for signatures.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Clayton Lengerich led a discussion regarding equine-drawn vehicle licensing and fees. This will be discussions regarding any changes that would be made for 2025. This could include a pamphlet that would go out during registrations this year, to show some thoughts going forward in 2025.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen 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
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman