

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 19, 2024 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 Bailey and seconded by Steve Kuhn for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for March 5, 2024. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Allied Monthly Claim**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Allied Monthly Claim in the amount of \$67,339.17. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claim**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$827,229.45. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$375,425.56. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Time Card**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Payroll Time Card Report into the record. Motion Carried.

**AMH Claim**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the claim to Adams Memorial Hospital for the Health Fair for Adams County Government, in the amount of \$3,606.00. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Clerk 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. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claim**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the weekly Allied Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$19,691.77. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

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Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Allied Weekly Health Claims in the amount of \$13,769.55. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Eastern Alliance**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Eastern Alliance worker's comp claim in the amount of \$234.34. Motion Carried.

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Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Eastern Alliance worker's comp claim in the amount of \$1,041.70. Motion Carried.

**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.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There was no report.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported activities with his office. He reported that the county was awarded with funds from the state to repair Bridge 27. He noted the award is 113% of last year's total cumulative bridge collection/interest.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve taking bids for oil submitted by Asphalt Materials and K-Tech Specialty Coatings under advisement. Motion Carried.

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

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to accept into the record the monthly draws for MVH (\$153,425.60) and LR&S (\$44,043.44). Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a right of way permit for a sewer line installed by Watson Excavating, Jorge Hills sewer extension, which will extend into Adams County. It will tie into the Vera Cruz pump station. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Replat of the Replat of Lot 9B of Sawmill Creek Subdivision / 2 Lots / St. Mary's Sec 8 / Located on Piqua Rd., east of CR400E. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Steven L. Stump and Arlene S. Stump Joint Trust Subdivision / 3 Lots / St. Mary's Sec 31 / Located on CR300E, south of CR100N. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Ernest A. Girod Subdivision / Wabash Sec 24 / 2 Lots / Located on CR225E, north of CR100S. Motion Carried.

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

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Monthly Treasurer of Adams County Report and enter it into the record. Motion Carried. It was noted that tax bills would be sent out April 8.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Rene LeBlanc reported to the Commissioners updates on Crossroads Community concerning housing. Part of the condition of receiving opioid revenues, LeBlanc was asked to report to the Commissioners quarterly regarding any updates. The Auditor will look into how it will look as far as receiving more revenues for the housing portion of the award, since they are now leasing a recovery home in Berne.

Representatives of Adams Memorial Hospital, Attorney Adam Miller, and Hospital Director, Dr. Scott Smith, presented the Hospital Board approved five-year plan to the Commissioners.

2025 - 2029 AMH Strategic Plan

1. **Community outreach, including a focus on Amish outreach** - We want to build relationships with various groups and organizations throughout the county. As part of this, we will continue to meet with representatives of the Amish community.
2. **Continue to expand OB** -As other counties have had their OB birthing centers closed, our board has decided to build and expand our commitment to provide, and even expand, these services to our community.
3. **To be an employer of choice-We** want our employees to be proud of being a part of the Adams Health Network and we want to provide wages, benefits, and an environment that makes people want to be a part of Adams Health Network.
4. **To work with local employers for solutions** - We want to work with local employers and community leaders to make sure that we are meeting and exceeding the necessary healthcare needs for their employees and staff.
5. **Continue to build primarycare, Behavioral Health, and Specialty Access.**
6. **Continue to meet the needs of senior living for Baby Boomers and beyond-As** part of this goal, we have been renovating and expanding Woodcrest Nursing Home, Independent Living, and Assisted Living.
7. **5-Star commitment to quality and value across the organization** - Both Adams Woodcrest and Adams Heritage are rated 5-star facilities. We are committed to maintaining this high quality and value at these facilities, but I also believe that our providers, nurses, EMS, and all of the staff at the hospital are providing 5-star care, and the entire organization is committed to having CMS recognize us as a top-rated hospital.
8. **Remain independent.** - Continue to honor the direction of community leaders and the Vision of the hospital: *To remain independent and be the trusted healthcare provider for our community.*
9. **Pay off the outstanding hospital bonds early.** Although the outstanding bonds are scheduled to be paid in full in 2033, we are committed to paying them off in 2029.

It is this last goal of our strategic plan that brings us here today. We want to inform the county of the hospital's intent to pay off the hospital bonds early in 2029.

As we work toward this goal, we first want to recognize the commitment that was made more than 20 years ago by the county commissioners, county council, the cities of Decatur and Berne, the towns of Geneva and Monroe, and the citizens of all of Adams County, to support the hospital and to commit to the hospital remaining independent. The leaders back at that time and since have consistently voiced the importance of remaining independent by owning, operating, and controlling our hospital.

Today, two decades later, we believe it was a very good decision. Since that commitment over 20 years ago, Adams Memorial Hospital has continued to expand and to provide for the healthcare needs of all our community. We now have more than 1,000 employees and a payroll that exceeds \$60,000,000.00 annually. These employees pay local and State income taxes, and property taxes and support our local businesses.

Since the new hospital opened in 2005, we have been able to expand healthcare services throughout the county. We have built new medical office buildings in Decatur, Monroe, and most recently, Geneva. We have also established a medical office in Monroeville to meet the needs of individuals living in southeast Allen County and northeast Adams County. We have increased the size of StatCare and Behavioral Health and have relocated those services to 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Decatur, along with a new retail pharmacy.

Not only are we continually increasing the services that we can provide, we also are increasing the number of providers and staff in family medicine, surgery, OB, sports medicine, and pain management. We even have our surgical robot.

In addition to providing what we believe to be excellent healthcare, we also support the community in many other ways. Several recent larger contributions include the hospital baseball diamond at REV field in Hanna Nuttman Park and the Rails to Trails in Geneva and Berne. We are in the process of distributing 75 AED units to schools, churches, government buildings, and larger gathering places in our community, along with education on how to use the AEDs. The hospital also has placed athletic trainers in all three of our local high schools.

Along with these commitments to the community, the Board and administration have committed to setting aside funds to use toward the early payoff of the hospital bonds by the end of 2029. This will be done along with the funds that the local income tax council pledged for the hospital back in 2001. By paying the bonds in full by the end of 2029, the last year that the county will need to collect the .2 of 1o/o EDIT tax will be in 2028 since those funds are paid out in 2029.

We recognize that you and the county council have been looking at various needs within the county, and as you are planning to meet these needs, we believe it is important to let you know of the hospital's commitment to pay the outstanding bonds off early.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve entering the Hospital Presentation to County Commissioners 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, into the record. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Tony Mellencamp  
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Steve Kuhn  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

Steve Bailey (Renote)  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman

