

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 26, 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 19, 2024. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Allied Weekly Health Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claim in the amount of \$50,386.07. Motion Carried.

Utilities Paid in Low

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the utilities paid in Low in the amount of \$39,384.34. Motion Carried.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$375,158.17. 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.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$275,401.02. Motion Carried.

Crossroads Community

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve payment of the \$37,500.00 from opioid money to Crossroads Community for housing. The original vote was for \$75,000.00 to be paid half and half. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported to the Commissioners that the Decatur Fire Marshal toured Superior Court and Circuit Court to point out certain needs that have to be met. He had previously inspected the Adams County Service Complex.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported activities with his office. Rumschlag informed the Commissioners he thinks it would be in the best interest of the county to provide preventative maintenance on its 100 bridges. He recommended a Silane process to insure less water gets into the concrete. Some items would need to be purchased, but the long-term savings in repair and replacement of bridges would be well worth it, according to the Engineer.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the supplemental agreement for the Bridge 27 project with Butler, Fairman, and Seufert, and allow the Commissioner Chairman to sign. Motion Carried. This was a 3-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to accept all bids for oil submitted by Asphalt Materials and K-Tech Specialty Coatings. K-Tech Specialty Coatings had the bid for AE-90 at 1.989 with Asphalt Materials bidding 2.037, the bids for dust control, 1.997 from Asphalt materials and 2.160 from K-Tech, Post-

Chip seal greater than 50 at 1.997 from Asphalt Materials and 2.000 from K-Tech, and post-chip seal sealant less than 50, 1.997. There was no bid from K-Tech Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering into the record the Highway Department Annual Operational Report for Local Road and Streets and bridges. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a right of way permit to I&M to install a utility in Root Township. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Holle Ridge Estates / Root Sec 18 / 3 Lots / Located on CR300W between CR900N and NW Winchester Rd. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Wild Pear Subdivision / Root Sec 23 / 2 Lots / Located on CR800N between CR100E and CR200E. Motion Carried.

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

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, noted the tax statements will be mailed out on April 8. They are due on May 10. He noted his office is providing more security for incoming and outgoing ACH payments. He noted that there has been some confusion regarding farmland. Across the state, the agricultural land will be assessed at \$400.00 higher, not taxed at the \$400 per acre.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

IT Director Mike Brown, reported on various activities with his department, including going to a .gov rather than a .us email signature. This would be for all users on the county email. He also updated the status of the IT work needing done in Geneva. He has been meeting with Geneva Council. He also discussed Microsoft licensing and passwords. There have been increases with this and he will seek direction from Commissioners on how to proceed. He said past licensing was approximately \$74,000.00. The new prices would be up to \$96,000.00 or even \$116,000.00, depending on which they choose. The higher amount would better serve password changes which provides more cybersecurity.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Adams County Board of Commissioners sending a letter of support to the South Adams Trails, regarding its Berne-Geneva trail project. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the appointment of Deon Shoaf as the Commissioner appointment through Dec. 2025, to the Adams County Regional Sewer Board. Motion Carried. It was a 3-0 vote.

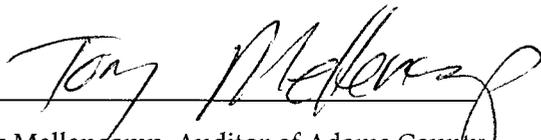
It was decided to table the Unsafe Building Ordinance, Ordinance 2024-3. There will be more discussion on this at the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Ordinance 2024-4, noting that the county does not do maintenance on unimproved alleyways. If a property owner wishes, at their cost, to vacate an alleyway, they may petition the county to do so. Motion Carried. This was a 3-0 vote.

Ordinance 2018-4 establishes a curfew in county parks. This would hold true during the eclipse on April 8 so that people can't stay the night and camp in a county park for the eclipse.

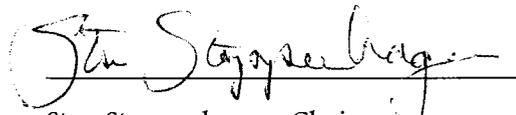
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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