

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Kuhn, Steve Bailey Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, Attorney, Mark Burry, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, and, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Stan Stoppenhagen was not present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and seconded by Steve Kuhn for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for July 9, 2024. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Allied Health Insurance Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Allied health insurance weekly claims in the amount of \$50,687.77. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

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Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the weekly Allied health insurance claims in the amount of \$43,417.55. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$369,442.76 Motion Carried.

Payroll Time Card Approval

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

Payroll AP Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll AP Claims in the amount of \$335,146.05. Motion Carried.

Eastern Alliance

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Eastern Alliance worker's comp claims in the amount of \$630.50. Motion Carried.

Eastern Alliance Endorsement

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the endorsement to increase payroll figures to match the audit figures, in the amount of \$15,013.00. Motion Carried.

Weights and Measures

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the monthly Weights and Measures Report submitted by Inspector, Dan Hackman. 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 \$477,492.09. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported on various activities and updates in the county buildings over the last few weeks.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the quote from E&B Paving in the amount of \$71,868.52 for Bridge 132. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve taking bids for a mowing tractor under advisement. Motion Carried. One bid was from John Deere at \$94,100.00 including a trade in for the 2014 John Deere tractor. The New Holland Tri County bid was \$98,000.00 including the trade in.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve right of way permits for Jay County REMC (pole) and NIPSCO (digging test holes) to check pipes in several county areas in the county. Motion Carried.

Brad Yoder, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners that the Chicago Fort Wayne Eastern Railroad Company will be replacing track in the northern part of the county and will redo the intersections as well.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a detour route to replace a small structure on SR224 with the detour going to SR101. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the monthly draw for MVH in the amount of \$157,900.33 and LR&S in the amount of \$47,959.27. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve introducing Ordinance 2024-8, to amend the Adams County Land Use Ordinance with the provisions of I.C. 36-7-4 regulating development in flood hazard areas. This will come up again next week for final approval. Motion Carried. The Adams County Plan Commission and Indiana DNR recommended passage of this ordinance.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve tabling Ordinance 2024-8 for future consideration. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve NDK Subdivision / French Sec 21 / 3 Lots / Located on the corner of CR300S and CR 700W. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve Wiegmann Subdivision / Preble Sec 34 / 2 Lots / Located on CR500W, north of SR124. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Joe and David Schwartz Subdivision / Monroe Sec 3 / 2 Lots/ Located on CR100E, south of SR124. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer Ed Dyer reported on various issues including tax sale and tax collections.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Tom Krueckeberg, Recorder, reported on some updates on credit cards used by departments. The county had been under the state umbrella, but the state is changing and the county will no longer receive a rebate. He didn't feel it was worth the effort and trouble to switch from JP Morgan Chase at this time because the rebate was not much.

The Recorder discussed with Commissioners a company called Equity Protect to block title fraud at no cost to the county. This is a company that works with CSI, the software vendor for the Recorder's office.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve hiring a position early to replace his current Chief Deputy as she will be leaving to become the Recorder in Wells County. The Recorder has the funds to pay for the extra training time. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held with Mainstream Fiber representatives and Commissioners. They were discussing broadband being introduced in rural areas and the fact that there are federal grants available for this. The Commissioners feel rural parts of Adams County are underserved.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve accepting the commissary report from Sheriff Dan Mawhorr. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve taking request for proposals for consultants on the county wide land use vision plan under advisement. There were four proposals received. American Structurepoint, Veridus Group, ACP Vision and Planning (Planning Next), Houseal Levigne, were the companies submitting requests for proposals. 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, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman