

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Bailey, Steve Kuhn, 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 October 29, 2024. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$35,328.25. 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 \$372,951.99. Motion Carried.

Payroll Time Card Approval

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

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported updates on various activities in the county-owned buildings. He also noted that any shredded paper has to be dumped out of plastic bags. The next date to complete the new generator coming online will be on November 2. Burkhalter gave an update to Commissioners regarding the power being shut off at the complex over the weekend in order to get the generator on line. He noted everything went well.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office. He provided updates on bridge work and culvert work throughout the county.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve making the repair of Culvert 53, damaged when an automobile struck it, an emergency and waive the bidding requirements in order to secure a contractor quickly. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a quote of \$11,150.00 from Pioneer Associates for groundhog damage repairs to Bridge 150 on CR1150S over the Wabash River. Motion Carried. The other quote that was received was from Milestone at \$33,450.00.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a supplemental agreement with BF&S for geotechnical services on Bridge 27. Motion Carried.

Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported on various activities.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to get the highway department on a list for a replacement chassis at an approximate cost of \$420,000.00. Motion Carried. Yoder noted that SBOA informed him that this can come out of MVH Restricted since it is used exclusively for road work.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to send out bids for a tandem axle dump truck, for which they already have the chassis for. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

IN RE: TREASURER

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Treasurer's report, submitted by Treasurer, Ed Dyer, into the record. Motion Carried. It was discussed that any employee who can possibly park elsewhere during tax time to allow taxpayers a place to park at the annex, it would be appreciated.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the bid for the cash rent of 82 acres at the jail property for one year with an option for the following year at the discretion of the county. The opening bids of

\$175 per acres by Andrew Schaffer and \$150.00 per acre from Doug Fosnaugh. That began a bidding process between the two bidders. The winning bid was \$190.00.00 per acre by Doug Fosnaugh. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve \$40,650.00 being used to purchase two drones for use by the Sheriff’s Department, out of the unrestricted opioid settlement funds. Motion Carried. This was based on an approval recommendation from the JRAC Committee, which the Commissioners have tasked with bringing recommendations to them. These drones will have a variety of uses that will be beneficial to the department. This will now have to go to the County Council for approval.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve inserting a property fraud insert into the tax bills for 2025. Motion Carried.

Recorder, Tom Krueckeberg, reported that Association of Indiana Counties, of which he serves on the Executive Board, that the state of Indiana will be doing a flyover going deeper than normal to aid surveyors and GIS in the coming year. There will be a cost to each county based on the size of the county.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to repeal Ordinance 2024-21, the amended Burn Ban Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bailey wanted to thank Watch Communications for improving services. He had been critical of them in the past.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn 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