

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 12, 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 November 6, 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 \$95,854.82. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**USI Insurance Services Claim**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the quarterly claim to USI Insurance Services LLC, in the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion Carried.

**Claims Payable**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$535,105.42. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Clerk's Report**

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve entering the Monthly Clerk report, submitted by Clerk, Shelly Brite, into the record. 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.

**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. He noted that Adams County received \$347,617.35 for work on Bridge 155 at CR1100S west of CR400E over the Brewster Ditch.

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

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve a right of way to NIPSCO for a barrier post at Van Burn in Monroe. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve a permanent right of way to Monroe for sections of Polk St., and two separate tracts on CR000. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Daniel E. Wengerd Subdivision / St. Mary's Sec 19 / 2 Lots / Located on CR200N, west of Salem Rd. Motion Carried.

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

**IN RE:** TREASURER

There was no report due to Treasurer being busy collecting fall taxes.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the updated insurance rates for 2025 for dental plans. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve installing cameras at the Covered Bridge at Geneva due to graffiti damage. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to accept the contract language change in the American StructurePoint Consulting contract. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve taking bids under advisement for various aspects of the building of a new transportation garage at the Council on Aging site in Decatur. Motion Carried. These were researched and some low bids were accepted at today's meeting so work can begin.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the first reading and introduction to Ordinance 2024-22, equine-drawn fees to \$175.00, from \$120.00 and increase by \$10 annually for the next 10 years. Replacement plates would cost \$25.00. Motion Carried. This would be enforced by the Adams County Sheriff's Departments.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Division 1 bid for excavation costs of \$13,600.00 with an \$800.00 allowance to Luginbill Excavating. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the low bid of Martin Schwartz Construction for Division 2, concrete and foundation, in the amount of \$41,322.60. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the low bid of \$86,000.00 (Arnold Lumber) for Division 3 bid framing of the transportation garage. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the low bid for Division 4, plumbing, of \$20,574.00, to Liechty Bros. of Berne. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Steve Bailey to approve the low bid of \$19,605.37 from DH Electric Co., for the electrical work, Division 5, in the transportation garage. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the low bid of \$6,652.00 for Division 6, HVAC, to Liechty Bros. of Berne. Motion Carried.

All of the bid votes were approved unanimously. All of the bids were the lowest responsive bids that had been submitted.

IN RE:

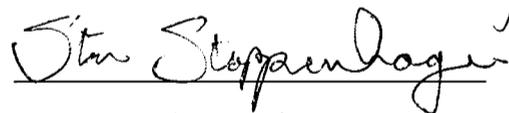
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman