

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Bailey, Stan Stoppenhagen, Doug Bauman, 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 Stan Stoppenhagen for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for December 17, 2024. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$377,084.25. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$113,014.70. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants.

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Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$27,334.81. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants.

Animal Control Report

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Animal Control Report submitted by Chad Sprunger. Motion Carried.

Animal Shelter Report

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Animal Shelter report, submitted by Mike and Sindy Heiser. Motion Carried.

Payroll AP Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Payroll AP Claims in the amount of \$336,627.46 Motion Carried.

Payroll Time Card Approval

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Time Card Approval for appointed Department Heads. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$803,070.63. Motion Carried.

End of Year Payroll Approval

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the End of Year Payroll with employees and wages for 2024. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$534,978.25. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$23,106.74. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter reported on various activities within the county buildings.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

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

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve obtaining signatures for an agreement with Brumbaugh Construction on the Bridge 155 contract documents at a cost of \$295,000.00. Motion Carried.

Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder, and Assistant superintendent, Paul Zerby, reported on various activities.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the monthly draw for MVH at \$303,009.18 and LR&S at \$51,109.53. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

IN RE: TREASURER

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve entering the Monthly Treasurer's Report, submitted by Treasurer, Ed Dyer, into the record. Motion Carried.

He noted the Board of Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 8 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a time of overlap in the Surveyor's office to train a replacement for Jacque Searles in the office., up to four weeks, depending on the experience of the new hire. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to allow an employee the two-week pay available every five years, since the employee ran out of FMLA. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to allow Envive to have the remaining washer and dryer that did not sell at auction and would be considered as having no value. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Animal Care and Control Services with the City of Berne for 2025 at \$6,900.00 annually. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Steve Bailey to appoint Steve Bailey as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Steve Bailey to appoint Stan Stoppenhagen as vice-chairman of Commissioners. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept the Commissary Fund Ledger of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as required by Indiana Code for 2024, from Sheriff Dan Mawhorr. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Ordinance 2025-1, change of a zone map 9.58-acre parcel to R3 mobile home park, from agriculture. This received a do pass recommendation by the Adams County Plan Commission. Motion Carried. This has been a mobile home park for many years and is now coming to the Commissioners to clean things up a little. This is in Root Township.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to give permission to the County Attorney to publish Ordinance 2024-22, increasing plate fees for equine drawn vehicles. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the following one-year appointments: Jaquelyn Searles to Drainage Board; Nate Rumschlag to Engineer; Brad Yoder to Highway Superintendent; Paul Zerby to Assistant Highway Superintendent; Mark Burry to County Attorney and Drainage Board Attorney; Chauncey Cook to SWCD; Mike Brown to IT Director; Barb Lehrman to EMA Director; Dan Hackman to Weights and Measures Inspector; Rick Burkhalter to Buildings and Grounds Manager; Shannon Greene to ADA Compliance Officer; Three-year appointments were Bill Wemhoff to Drainage Board Freeholder; JD. Nidlinger to Drainage Board Freeholder; Gregg Liechty to Drainage Board Freeholder.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Commissioner Committee and Board assignments for 2025. Motion Carried. Those assignments are as follows: Stan Stoppenhagen to Extension Board, EMA, Chamber of Commerce Industrial Division, Highway, Solid Waste, Maumee-River Basin Comm., Upper-Wabash River Basin Comm., Council on Aging, Mayors and Commissioners Caucus, Wage Appeal Committee, IT Change Committee, Community Corrections/JRAC. Doug Bauman to Bi-County Services, Plan Commission, Highway, Solid Waste, Maumee-River Basin Comm., Upper-Wabash River Basin Comm., Public Records Commission, Drainage Board, Mayors and Commissioners Caucus; Steve Bailey to Hospital Board, Park and Rec, non-voting, County Child Protection Team, Highway, Solid Waste, Maumee-River Basin Commission, Upper-Wabash River Basin Comm., Mayors and Commissioners Caucus, Drainage Board.

IN RE:

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to adjourn. Motion Carried.

ATTEST: Tony Melencamp
Tony Melencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Doug Bauman
Doug Bauman, Commissioner

Steve Bailey
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

Stan Stoppenhagen
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner