

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen and Steve Kuhn; County Attorney, Mark Burry; Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Steve Kuhn, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for January 26, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, presented request #3 for the Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$5,314.00. This request was for communication signage package for the Health Department. After this request is submitted Adams County will have \$44,357.97 available in the Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief Fund. Ms. Brodbeck made the Commissioners aware that we still have not gotten approval on the first 2 requests. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn, seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval of request #3 for the Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief Fund. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn, seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval of the monthly Allied Health Insurance funding request for \$53,282.63 dated January 29, 2021. Motion carried. Upon a motion made by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen, approval was given to pay weekly Allied Health Insurance claims of \$71,789.31. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn, to pay the payroll claims for week ending 1-22-2021 in the amount of \$319,852.29. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen, to pay accounts payable claims for February 3 in the amount of \$290,793.35. Motion Carried.

**Quarterly Wheel Tax Report**

The quarterly report was made to the Commissioners for the record. A motion was made by Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

The Adams County monthly Treasurer's report was submitted to the Commissioners. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen the Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported that there is a Purdue drainage conference next week with no charge. It will be virtual and held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. He informed the Commissioners he would not be at next week's meeting due to that.

He also noted bids will be opened Tuesday, Feb. 16 on bridge work.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

**Department**

Brad Yoder submitted that an employee would need a longer time to recover than he was given under the FMLA. Placing him on extended illness leave allows him to remain an active employee for up to 26 weeks with no pay. The county would continue to pay the county portion of the benefit package during this time. This is extended unpaid leave under the policy manual. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn Motion Carried.

Brad Yoder gave an update on work on CR1100S. More surveying has been done and plans to do the project should be completed by the end of the month. There is also an issue on CR1200S that Brad Yoder will discuss with Jay County since they share the road. In both cases the issues are caused by the river advancing on the road and causing damage.

He noted he has one employee currently out with COVID.

He updated the Commissioners on the fuel tanks at the highway department. They need to pass a safety test to use the tanks and IDEM is working with the department on upgrades or replacement on the tanks so they will be in compliance. The tanks themselves are fine but several of the parts associated with them are in disrepair and he needs to research the cost difference between repair or replacement. The current tanks were installed in 1994. He will report some figures on this next week. He noted that if they do replace the tanks they will place them above ground.

He noted that WFFT channel 55 will be at the highway department to do a story on how smaller counties handle snow removal in a big winter storm. His workers went out at 4 a.m. the day of the snow and will be out again today as some drifting has occurred. They will also lay some salt and sand down on the roads. The snow was bad enough that they had to call a wrecker out four times to aid the county drivers. He asked that homeowners not leave snow on the road when driveways are plowed due to the fact it can cause accidents.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, thanked his staff for keeping up with the snow and salting of the county buildings.

A coil was replaced at courthouse last year which is back up and running after an issue. There was also a door entry FOB not functioning properly but is now working.

There had been a thermostat issue in the courthouse which is now working. He thanked all of those staff members for their patience and understanding. Due to the fact that amount of vaccine doses will be increasing to 300 doses and then later to 400 doses the health clinic asked that the number of reserve spaces be increased to 12 spaces as opposed to 6. An alternate location may have to be found when the doses increase to 400 to accommodate the increase of people receiving vaccines and the fact that those receiving vaccines must wait 15 minutes before leaving so they can be monitored for severe side effects. The days will then become Monday through Thursday rather than Tuesday through Thursday. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen Motion Carried.

IN RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTEMENTS

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Steve Kuhn, to approve the appointment of the following individual., Randy Lehman to the Wabash Heritage River Corridor Commission for one year. Kelly Morningstar is being appointed as his alternate for the same term. Upon a Motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen Motion Carried.

IN RE: HOSPITAL BOARD

Adam Miller- Adams Memorial Hospital Board attorney presented a uniform disclosure certificate for conflict of interest needed for a hospital board member as the Commissioners have to approve this.

There was a consensus that April 30, there will be a meeting between the Commissioners and the Hospital Board to discuss finances.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Stan Stoppenhagen noted there was an interested applicant in the director position at Golden Meadows. There may be other interested parties in the position and an executive session will be set up for interviews

COUNTY ATTORNEY

IN RE:

County Attorney, Mark Burry, had nothing to present.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

There were no other items.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Steve Kuhn to adjourn, motion carried.

ATTEST: Tony Mellencamp  
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Steve Kuhn  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

Stan Stoppenhagen  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner

Rex Moore  
Rex Moore, Chairman

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, to convene the executive session for February 2, 2021, seconded by Steve Kuhn. Motion carried. The Adams County Commissioners held an executive session in the Commissioners room of the Adams County Service Complex on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 beginning at 11:30 a.m., following their regular meeting, concerning the following:

To consider an employee matter under: IC Code 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (6) (A)

Nothing other than what was advertised was discussed and no decision was made. Present were Commissioners; Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen, and Steve Kuhn, County Attorney Mark Burry, and Adams County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Upon a motion Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Steve Kuhn, to adjourn the executive session for February 2, 2021. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor