

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met May 4, 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, and 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 April 27, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Allied Weekly claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve \$29,852.66 to Allied for health insurance weekly claims. Motion Carried.

Quarterly Wheel Tax Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the quarterly wheel tax report. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BOWEN CENTER

April Fullenkamp presented to the Commissioners all of the services provided to Adams County by the Bowen Center. The Bowen Center was pursued due to Park Center being overrun with referrals. Community Corrections Director, Ian Gilbert, informed the group that Adams County needed help with aid for mental health issues. They noted that since 2017 the Bowen Center has provided mental health services to Adams County. They are using the Adams County model in 18 counties now. The Bowen Center team showed a brief video regarding some of the work they do and opportunities they provide.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director sought approval for the Baltzell Farms Subdivision/Monroe Section ½ lots/Located on SR 124, East of 200E.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the annual report submitted by Mark Wynn. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Brad Yoder, County Highway Superintendent reported that the Community Crossings Grant funds from the State were approved. On May 25 bids will be opened regarding work to be done. The bridge work bids will be opened on June 1.

These can be done now that it is known that the grant funds came through. Mediacom sought approval to place some cables along 308E 900N. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion carried. They are still taking applications for buggy plate sales and for spraying of roads and citizens have until May 14 to get an application.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Rick Burkhalter reported on current work being done in the county buildings. Much of it was work that had already been started with some of it now being finished.

IN RE: BI-COUNTY SERVICES

Bi-County Services Director, Tim Ramsey, made his 2022 budget request in the amount of \$41,280. This is a 5% increase. Mr. Ramsey noted this is the first increase in at least 15 years. Wells County Commissioners provide an equal amount to Bi-County Services since they have group homes in both counties. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the report. Motion Carried. The amount requested will be taken under consideration at budget time.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Sheriff Dan Mawhorr thanked his staff at the jail as the Adams County Law Enforcement Center was one of the very few in the state with no Covid cases in the facility up to now.

Mike Brown, IT Director and Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Supervisor, discussed recent work on various buildings regarding IT and sought approval of the invoices for them.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve an IT invoice for \$19,300 to Be Secure, and Wired out of fund 1140. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve secondary circuit work by Wired and Be Secure at the Service Complex in the amount of \$2,907.62 to Be Secure and \$6,400 to Wired out of fund 1140.

Rex Moore presented costs for repairs at Golden Meadows after a recent fire. The insurance adjuster accepted these amounts. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve \$5,298.65 to CXTEC, Wired in amount of \$96,000, and All Star Communications in amount of \$246.00. Motion Carried.

Adams County Treasurer noted that taxes must be paid by May 10.

A discussion was held regarding seeking a County Engineer and finding a wage range to hire one following the resignation of Tim Barkey. It was decided that the Commissioners would bring this up with Adams County Council at a future meeting so a wage range can be discussed.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn, seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen 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