

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met May 11, 2021 at 11:00 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 May 4, 2021. Motion carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve payroll claims for 4-30-2021 in the amount of \$329,376.29. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Accounts payable claims to be paid on 5-12-21 in the amount of \$146,013.04. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve weekly Allied Insurance Claims in the amount of \$53,218.64. Motion Carried.

**Clerk Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the April Monthly Report of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for April. Motion Carried.

**SWCD Telework Hours**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and Steve Kuhn to approve the telework hours report for SWCD, with Sandy Voglewede having 13 hours and Josey Kahn with 24 hours for 37 total hours for April. Motion Carried.

**Animal Shelter Report**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the monthly animal shelter report submitted by Charlie Bowers with \$40 in fees collected. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNCIL ON AGING

Michelle Lengerich, Council on Aging, submitted her annual report and budget information. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried. She also discussed the possibility of Council on Aging moving to the Merit Center and installing a senior center at that location.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director sought approval for the E&M Girod Subdivision/Monroe Sec 26/3 Lots/Located on 450S and 150E. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

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

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY

Brad Yoder, County Highway Superintendent reported on the trails bridge off U.S. 27 over the Wabash River regarding the upright vertical slats on the railing. This is a federally funded project so it follows federal rules. It was pointed out that more upright vertical slats would need to be added for safety, according to Building and Planning Director Mark Wynn. It currently meets federal guidelines so any "fix" would be at the cost of the county. County Attorney Mark Burry suggested getting quotes to add vertical or horizontal slats for safety after the current work is completed.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to allow bridge to be completed and then get quotes to add extra safety slats. Motion Carried.

The Town of Monroe wants the area Between SR 124 and 100S closed for 24 hours to do work on a water and sewer project They projected this to be done during the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to allow this closure. Motion Carried. Yoder told the Commissioners that the Highway department would need about \$220,000 for an above ground fuel tank and to remove the old one. If the Commissioners decide not to go that route, he would get back to them on costs for other alternatives. A decision was made to table this until the next meeting.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Adams County Attorney Mark Burry reported on an agreement with Quality Correctional Care to provide qualified Medicaid recipients who are incarcerated to receive health care. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Barnes and Thornburg Attorney Adam Bartram reported on the federal lawsuit brought against the Adams County Regional Sewer District by several Amish families. A motion has been filed to seek four other parties be involved in this litigation as it also would affect them. Those are the Indiana State Board of Health, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Adams County Board of Health and the Adams County Board of Commissioners. The plaintiffs believe the Amish religion excuses them from complying with laws requiring residents to connect to the wastewater system operated by the ACRSD. The district contends that by properly disposing of human waste, the district's system protects the health and safety of the plaintiffs and the entire Adams County community. The plaintiffs wish to operate their own alternative system on their property and then dispose that waste by spreading it on their own

property. The District’s contention is that it does affect the interest of others, in particular those Barnes and Thornburg seek to have join the lawsuit. The Attorney General has asked the Court to delay the ruling so that office can get up to speed on it as they have joined the litigation process.

**IN RE:** EMA

EMA Director, John August, sought approval of a 5-year hazardous mitigation grant which both the Commissioners and the Council are required to approve and sign. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** GOLDEN MEADOWS

Golden Meadows Administrator Danielle York presented her monthly report to the Commissioners. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen. Motion Carried.

York also presented a job description update for a cook position at Golden Meadows. It was noted that not every cook is required to complete the Serve Safe certification so it was removed from the job description. Only one person on staff is required to be certified.

Commissioner Rex Moore reported a cost of \$24,506.01 to clean, repair and replace items damaged in the recent fire. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to pay these claims. Motion Carried. This will be reimbursed by insurance at a later date.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Sheriff Dan Mawhorr presented to the Commissioners new software that was going to be presented to the Tech Committee for approval. He noted that there were many county roads flooded and closed due to the heavy rains. He asked that if a road is closed do not go on it. It is closed for a reason. His department will ticket people for disregarding safety barricades

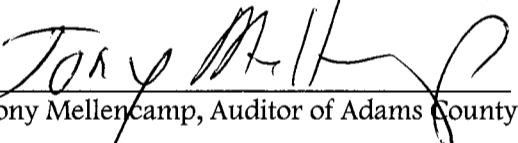
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a \$20,000.00 claim to Joe H. Construction for the Detention Center RF Room Remodel to be paid out of the 38302.000.9600 fund. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve \$61,765.53 for Microsoft licensing and pay out of fund 1000/38302.000.9600. Motion Carried.

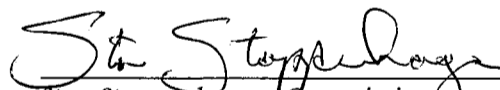
Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve \$16,123.40 for Microsoft licensing out of fund 1000/35700.000.9600. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner

  
Rex Moore, Chairman