

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Stan Stoppenhagen, and Steve Kuhn; HR Coordinator Shannon Greene, Auditor Tony Mellencamp, and County Attorney, Mark Burry.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for October 5, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the payroll claims paid on 10-1-2021 in the amount of \$323,691.98. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Claims

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the accounts payable claims on 10-13-21 in the amount of \$151,654.26. Motion Carried.

Monthly Clerk's Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the September Monthly Clerk's Report submitted by Clerk Jim Voglewede. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder, opened sealed bids for installation of a stainless steel bed and hydraulics equipment for a tandem axle chassis. The bids opened included LINCO Equipment Sales, Merrillville, IN, for \$129,757.00, and a bid from W. A. Jones out of Columbia City for \$129,879.00. Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept the bid from LINCO Equipment as it was lower. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to allow Superintendent Yoder to approve I&M permits to replace two utility poles at CR650W and CR 700s. Motion carried.

Yoder noted that Butler, Fairman & Seufert will conduct part time bridge inspections as work proceeds on County Bridge No. 106 carrying CR 200S over Blue Creek, not to exceed \$42,800.00 without further authorization. This covers a 19-week period.

IN RE: ACEDC

Colton Bickel, ACEDC Director, updated the Commissioners on what the ACEDC has been doing this year regarding the Merit Center, broadband survey etc. He mentioned that the new Ivy Tech Chancellor for Fort Wayne and Warsaw, Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson, would be at a meet and greet on October 19 at the Merit Center.

IN RE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Director, discussed the fire protection control panel at the courthouse and said it would be installed next Monday. Burkhalter noted the fitness center is now open on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, presented insurance quotes with benefit renewals from the dental and eye portion of employee insurance. The open enrollment for all county employees will be held in November. Due to all insurances and rates being very volatile currently it was recommended to remain with Delta even though there will be a 13% rate increase. This was originally a 17% increase but negotiations took it to 13%. If a switch was made it would be very possible that the other company would raise their rates even higher the following year. This could also allow for more savings from Delta Dental in the future since the county will have been with them for three years.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve and retain Delta Dental as the carrier for the next year. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve and retain Eye Med as the vision insurance carrier for the next year. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the two job descriptions, Office Deputy and Personal Property Deputy for the Assessor's office. Motion Carried.

Greene suggested increasing the premium of Long Term Disability to \$3.60 per pay period from \$3.23 per pay period in order to cover the increased cost to the county for this product.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the premium increase for LTD insurance. Motion carried.

Greene discussed the Lincoln Life Insurance covered by the county currently and suggested that if the employees wanted to take the option to increase the amount of coverage, that the employee will pay that increase. It offers an elective opportunity to add insurance, add spouse and children, and have a guaranteed benefit added as an option if employees choose. This is elective and would not cost the county as an employer. The employee would be able to convert to whole life and take the policy with them when they no longer work for the county.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the additional life insurance at the cost of the employee as an elective. Motion Carried.

She noted that timekeeping and punches will start next week.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Adams County Attorney Mark Burry presented Resolution 2021-24 amendment for spending of the ARPA revenues. This Resolution had passed at the County Council meeting but after discussion this amendment was added.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve an amendment to Resolution 2021-24 allowing overtime and other expenses that may be needed for anything related to COVID. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Invoices for the IT Department in the amount of \$45,502.75. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TREASURER

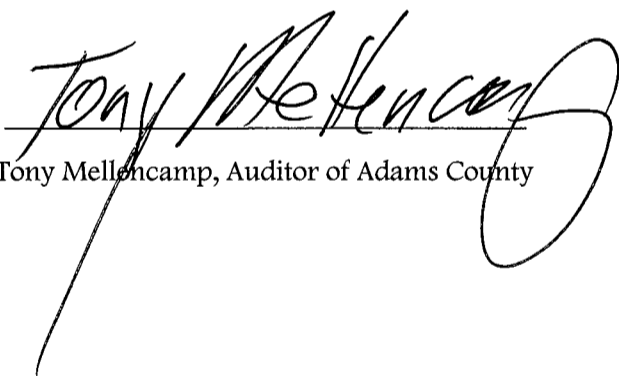
Adams County Treasurer reported that for the upcoming tax sale rates for attorney fees and title searches will increase to \$400 and \$200 respectively. Angie Brite, Deputy Auditor, did a survey of surrounding counties and what they charge for those items. This will still keep Adams County near the lowest costs in the area.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the tax sale attorney fees and title searches at \$400 and \$200. Motion Carried.

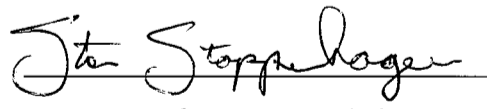
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Kuhn to have all entrances opened during the day for tax season starting on Monday, Oct. 18. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County


Steve Kuhn, Commissioner


Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioners


Rex Moore, Chairman