

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Kim Fruechte, and Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; County Auditor, Mary Beery; and Deputy Auditor, Angie Brite.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for August 28, 2018. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by, Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$275,912.71 for the pay period ending August 24, 2018. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported that next week quotes for landscaping Peacekeepers Way are to be turned into his office.

Bridge B-117 located at the intersection of county road 150 E and 500 S last week had the north support poured and next week they will be pouring the south support.

B-117 is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, introduced Jason Nussbaum, Member of Adams County Fair Board, wanting to personally thank the County Commissioners for letting them use the County Highway grounds for parking cars this year due to the construction at Adams Central School.

Mr. Nussbaum returned the key back to Mr. Caffee to the lot and also thanked him for working with them.

The office staff at the County Garage is working on getting the application finished for the submission of the Community Crossing Grant. Things are progressing nicely. Lonnie Caffee is wanting to submit the paperwork two weeks prior to the September 29th. deadline. He wants no reason as to why they could not process Adams County's submission.

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, talked to Mark Burry about the water issue on 1000 N between 400 E and 500 E. A landowner installed a tile with a Y running into an 8" personal tile. Now the current tile is getting blocked by excessive amounts of running water.

Mr. Caffee feels the tiles are "air locked" and this is why little water is coming thru the tile. The Y's also have a catch basin on each side. Mr. Caffee suggested installing two 8" tiles at each end of the Y. This will also assist in keeping water at bay on the county road. County Attorney, Mark Burry, will need to send out letters to get the consent of the landowners.

This problem effects about 150' of road where the water gets about 2" deep.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, giving the permission to fix the water problem on 1000 N between 400 E and 500 E. Motion carried.

Approximately three weeks ago at the intersection of 200 E and 900 N NIPSCO opted to run a gas line at the edge of the road. They ran them 4" from the side of the road and we are not sure how deep they trenched. The trench should be a minimum of 36" deep and 4' from the road. No permit was submitted and a representative from NIPSCO was contacted. The representative was supposed to forward the approved permit but this has not been done. With the heavy rains we have been getting the trench NIPSCO made is filling up with rain water and causing problems. Just last week NIPSCO did bring in stone to help cover their trench a little more.

One possible suggestion to NIPSCO is to move the gas line now. Another option would be to have NIPSCO provide us with the location of all of their facilities, sign a relocation agreement that they will move the line if needed. This might be a way to get their cooperation in helping us with the location(s) of buried facilities.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, would like to get a database together to add a layer into the GIS website.

The reason for a location layer on our GIS system is the timeframe it takes to get the new gas line into the NIPSCO locate system. This could potentially cause major problems if hit by the county backhoe.

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, expressed support in this procedure due to the information needed on bridge and culvert projects.

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, said if they cannot adhere to the requirements, they need to contact someone in authority.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, is going to follow thru with NIPSCO on this situation and how to get this resolved.

IN RE: WHEEL TAX

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, asked the Commissioners if they could allow 50% of the wheel tax monies on an annual basis for roads that are not as heavily traveled providing the Community Crossings Grant continues.

Right now 3 miles of roads are being done each year. With using 50% of the wheel tax monies, 3 1/2 miles of road could go from gravel to chip and seal. This would allow funding for up to 5-7 miles of road chip and sealed every year.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the recommendation of Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee to use 50% of the wheel tax monies on an annual basis for roads that are not as heavily traveled providing the Community Crossings Grant continues. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, talked to Rick Burkhalter and Bob Hakes on how things went last week in his absence. According to Rick Burkhalter and Bob Hakes keys to the buildings are being used after hours. The response from the offender was, they did not want anyone to know they were in there. Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, would like to re-key the doors to eliminate the use of all keys for the Service Complex and Court House.

A select few people would have a key in case of power outage.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, giving permission to re-key both the Service Complex and Court House. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, informed the Commissioners he is going to take management classes in the near future with New Focus HR.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for September 4, 2018 was adjourned. Motion carried.

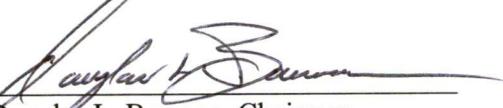
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Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor



Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman