

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Kim Fruechte, and Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. County Auditor, Mary Beery, was meeting with Council for budget hearings.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for September 4, 2018. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment to Findley for the work in progress regarding actuarial projections & report for Adams County, in the amount of \$3,842.50. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the health insurance Allied Benefits funding request for 9/4/18, in the amount of \$6,583.81 (Medical \$6,583.81 & Pharmacy \$0.00) and Allied Benefits funding request for 9/10/18, in the amount of \$7,181.44 (Medical \$7,181.44 & Pharmacy \$0.00) for a claim total of \$13,765.25. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into record the August 2018 report from the Treasurer of Adams County. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, to accept into the record the August 2018 report from the Clerk of Adams County. Motion carried.

IN RE: CHECKING ACCOUNT BIDS

County Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg, said he sent five banks information and only three banks turned in bids. Present for the bid opening was Tim Dubach with Bank of Geneva; and Justin Woodward and Dean Fuelling with First Merchants. Mr. Krueckeberg opened the following bids for the bank account of Adams County. The interest rates will be for two years.

First Merchants, Decatur, IN – Fed fund rate + 0.06%. Currently it is 2.06%. Fees are based on an analysis – no fees if maintain a certain amount.

Farmers & Merchant Bank (Bank of Geneva), Geneva, IN – Fed fund rate + 0.10%- No fees with a minimum of \$3 million or more at the end of the month.

First Bank of Berne, Berne, IN – US Treasury 90-day rate + 0.05%. Currently it is 2.01%. No minimum balance and all fees are waived.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to take the above bids under advisement. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Judicial Center

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported that he only received two quotes for the seeding and landscaping at Peacekeepers Way. They were from Harlow in the amount of \$6,655.00 and Reinhart in the amount of \$2,999.00. He recommends that the commissioners approve the quote from Reinhart. The work will be done after the sidewalks are completed. Mr. Barkey said the landscaping includes the fix for the drainage problems behind REV.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, to award Reinhart as the lowest responsible bidder to seed and landscape at Peacekeepers Way. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey presented a contract for signature with Liter Concrete, Inc. for the installation of sidewalks along Peacekeepers Way and ADA compliment ramps in Chapel Chase Subdivision in the amount of \$30,500.00.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, to sign the presented contract with Liter Concrete, Inc., which was previously approved, in the amount of \$30,500.00. Motion carried.

Cumulative Bridge

Bridge B-117 located at the intersection of County Road 150 E and 500 S the south support was poured on Friday and next they will be able to set beams. The bridge is scheduled to open by the end of September.

Mr. Barkey reported that 000 Rd was closed yesterday between 700 S & 800S. Fleming is doing the work.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, said he received an invoice from the City of Berne for the Parr Rd project. He said that there were no change orders and the project went under cost in the amount of \$2,800.63. Mr. Barkey crunched some numbers and said that \$1,121.85 would be the cost the county is not liable to pay. The County agreed to pay \$66,562.68 & 40% of change orders. The Commissioners said that the county agreed to pay up to \$66,562.68.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said now that the road is completed, an agreement will need to be entered with the City of Berne to take over maintenance of the road.

Mr. Caffee reported that his department is working with NIPSCO about the County requirements. They have a new person that took over the position and was not properly trained and they were not aware that we had requirements. Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented the boring request and installation requirements from NIPSCO for the address of 8676 N 200E.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the boring request and installation requirements from NIPSCO. Motion carried

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented the boring request and installation requirements from NIPSCO for County Road 500 S & 380 feet west of US Highway 27.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the boring request and installation requirements from NIPSCO. Motion carried

Mr. Caffee presented a list of roads that includes housing additions like Roe Acres and Chapel Chase. He said that his department maintains these roads. During the winter months his department cannot put sand down due to it will build up and cause issues. He would like to purchase a deicer device that is sand free. This particular device will need to be built and will attach to a truck. He received two quotes from the following:

WA Jones \$11,576.00

GO Win Group \$13,245.00

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, to take Mr. Caffee's recommendation to purchase the deicer device from WA Jones in the amount of \$11576.00. Motion carried.

Department

Mr. Caffee asked the Commissioners about how to submit payroll for his department for the employees that helped with the fuel that leaked into the St. Mary's River on Friday. EMA Director, John August said they should submit the regular working hours like normal. For hours worked that is not regular working hours, they will need to submit them to Buckeye Pipeline for payment. Mr. August told Mr. Caffee to fill out the form that he was given and he will help him submit their hours.

Local Road & Street and MVH

Mr. Beard presented the monthly MVH and Local Road & Street report to the Commissioners stating the MVH funds have decreased and LRS funds have increased as compared to this date in 2017.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the MVH and Local Road & Street report into record. Motion carried.

IN RE:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, was not in attendance.

IN RE:

COUNTY FARM LEASE

The Adams County Commissioners received written bids on September 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. for the cash rent lease of approximately 82.03 tillable acres of County owned farm ground located adjacent to South Winchester Street in Decatur.

County Attorney, Mark Burry highlighted the specifications and instructions noting the successful bidder must sign an agreement for a term of one (1) season beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The real estate taxes during the term of the lease will be paid by the Lessee. Mr. Burry stated those who submitted bids will be permitted to raise their bid after all bids are opened with the highest bid being the opening bid. Consensus of the Commissioners was to set a \$5 increment on raising bids.

Mr. Burry opened the following bids which were submitted;

Ned Buchan – 5255 E 900 N, Decatur, IN	\$140.00 per acre
Dan Workinger – 3556 E 550 N, Decatur, IN	\$135.00 per acre
Doug Fosnaugh – 3423 E 150 N, Decatur, IN	\$125.00 per acre
Andrew Shaffer – 621 E 1100 N, Decatur, IN	\$130.00 per acre

Mr. Burry started the bidding process giving the bidders who submitted a bid a chance to raise the high bid of \$140.00 per acre. Mr. Burry instructed the bidders to say their name and bid amount noting he will call bid out three times and if no bid is raised then the bidding process is done.

Doug Fosnaugh raised bid to \$145.00 per acre
Andrew Shaffer raised bid to \$150.00 per acre
Doug Fosnaugh raised bid to \$155.00 per acre
Ned Buchan raised bid to \$160.00 per acre
Doug Fosnaugh raised bid to \$165.00 per acre
Ned Buchan raised bid to \$170.00 per acre
Doug Fosnaugh raised bid to \$175.00 per acre

County Attorney, Mark Burry called out the bid from Doug Fosnaugh for \$175.00 three times and no more bids were submitted. Mr. Burry closed the bidding stating Doug Fosnaugh will hold the farm lease for 2019, in the amount of \$175.00 per acre.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve Doug Fosnaugh in the amount of \$175.00 per acre. Motion carried.

IN RE: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Director, Sandra Voglewede, presented the quarterly report (on file in the Auditor's Office) of the Soil & Water Conservation. The following are some of the items mentioned:

- Worked with the jet fuel spill into the St. Mary's River on September 7, 2018.
- Stone Lab Trip: September 10, 2018 at Lake Erie.
- Field Day: September 5, 2018 at Mike Werling, Decatur, Indiana with 54 people attended.
- John Kempf Clearspring Produce Auction: August 13, 2018 at 1871 E 200, LaGrange, Indiana.
- Pasture Walk: July 24, 2018; 7:00 p.m. at Sam & Laura Hilty, 373 E 350 S, Berne, Indiana.
- Locally Led Partner Conservation Meeting: September 20, 2018; 5:00 p.m. at Decatur USDA Service Center, 975 S. 11th Street, Decatur, Indiana.
- 2018 Education Report - Provided programs and education for youths in Adams County.
- Provided updated job descriptions for the County Conservationist and Assistant Conservationist.
- Provided a 2019-2023 Business Plan – What they would like to implement in the next 5 years.
- Working with Allen County on developing a watershed management plan for the Flatrock Creek – Auglaize River.
- Applied for a grant to help clean up watersheds. They will know in February 2019 if they are awarded it.
- Adams County SWCD was selected as the winner of the 2018 District Showcase award.
- Sandy completed the Soil Health and Sustainability Training on August 28-30 2018 in West Lafayette, Indiana.

IN RE:

JOB DESCRIPTIONS & WAGE COMPENSATION STUDY

Commissioners said they have met and reviewed two companies to create job descriptions and perform a wage compensation study for Adams County. They are Waggoner Irwin Scheele & Associates and New Focus HR. They recommend that the County goes with New Focus HR. They will charge \$150.00 per job description making the amount to be a \$22,500 fixed rate fee. There is also an \$800.00 fixed continued fee if the county chooses this option.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the contract with New Focus HR. Motion carried.

IN RE:

GOLDEN MEADOWS

Monthly Report

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the August 2018 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 26 residents at Golden Meadows. The report shows \$27,672.75 was received in room and board funds with one discharge and one admittance. There are currently 17 males and 9 females at the home. Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for August 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nichols asked the Commissioners for permission to hire for the maintenance position. The person that was just hired, left due to getting a job offer somewhere else making twice as much.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to give permission to hire for the maintenance position. Motion carried.

IN RE:

RESOLUTION 2018-3

Resolution 2018-3, a resolution of the Adams County Commissioners Emergency Declaration, as Adams County is immediately threatened by an emergency hazard caused by a significant fuel spill into the St. Mary's River that occurred on September 7, 2018.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Resolution 2018-1, a resolution of the Adams County Commissioners Emergency Declaration, as Adams County is immediately threatened by an emergency hazard caused by a significant fuel spill into the St. Mary's River that occurred on September 7, 2018. Motion carried.

IN RE:

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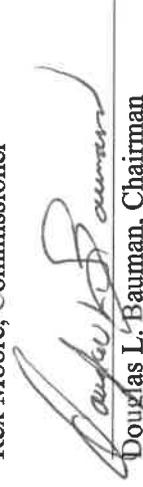
Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for September 11, 2018 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor


Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner


Rex Moore, Commissioner


Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman

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