

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Commissioner, Rex Moore, was absent.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for March 10, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$304,346.47 for the pay period ending March 6, 2020. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the claims totaling \$455,550.95 to be paid 3/18/2020. Motion carried.

**Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the February 2020 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

**Animal Shelter**

The Adams County Commissioners accepted into the record, the February 2020 report from Animal Shelter Directors, Charlie and Carol Bowers. This report states that they had sheltered 6 dogs and 9 cats with 3 being claimed and 2 adoptions. Zero animals were euthanized, and the Animal Shelter is currently housing 10 animals. There was \$60.00 receipted into the County General fund.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the Animal Shelter report for February 2020 into the record. Motion carried.

**Workman's Compensation**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of paying out of the regular claim cycle the claim to Eastern Alliance Insurance Company (Workman's Comp), in the amount of \$977.47. Motion carried.

**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$35,887.69 for the claims that were paid 3/16/2020. Motion carried.

**Weights and Measures Report**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the report by Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, for the period February 16, 2020 to March 15, 2020 stating there had been 70 inspections, with 70 correct and 0 rejected. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding renewal request for March 16, 2020, in the amount of \$64,216.01 (Medical \$93,764.50 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Reimbursement \$29,548.49). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of payment for the April 2020 consulting fee with Shafley Plan Management in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the \$500,000 that was transferred from County General into the health insurance fund for January through April 2020. Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,065,798.13 in the checking and reserve accounts.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented for signature the 2020 stop loss agreement application with Gerber life.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the 2020 stop loss agreement with Gerber Life. Motion carried.

**Bereavement**

The board was asked to consider adding funeral leave for step-siblings to the current personnel policy manual. The board made no decisions but the request will be added to discuss when the manual is updated.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, opened the following bids for the rehabilitation of bridge B-133, located on County Road 000, 0.2 miles south of County Road 500 S over the Habegger Ditch.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Jutte Excavating, Inc., Fort Recovery, OH	\$276,588.00	Nobody Present
Brumbaugh Construction, Arcanum, OH	\$387,295.00	Gavin Bixler

RG Zachrich Construction, Inc., Defiance, OH	\$328,737.20	Steve Zachrich
R.A. Myers Construction Co., Muncie, IN	\$453,516.80	Richard Myers

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to take the bid under advisement. Motion carried. Jutte Excavating started the rehabilitation of bridge B-100, located on County Road 300 W between 100 S and 200 S. The project was bid in 2019 and due to weather constraints and it was approved that they could complete the project in 2020 at no extra cost.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
**MVH/Local Road & Street**

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented the monthly MVH and Local Road & Street report to the Commissioners stating the MVH funds have increased and the LRS funds have decreased from last year.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the MVH and Local Road & Street report for March 2020 into the record. Motion carried.

### Roads

Mr. Yoder reported the following:

Members of his staff were sent to PASER (pavement and service evaluation rating) training in February.

The crew is grading and filling potholes. After the oil bids are opened he hopes to get the Total Patcher out.

180 buggy plates have been sold to date.

Signs throughout the county have been shot up. Nearby residents were asked if they had information. It seems to be coming from vehicles driving by the signs.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE  
**Service Complex**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the following:

New LED light has been installed on the existing flagpole.

Two new door plungers were installed at the east end of the building.

On Thursday, new LED lights will be installed at the entrance on Jefferson Street and on Third floor. The current lights are out and will be replaced with LED. Kiess Electric will do the work with the help of Sue Milholland from Parks and Recreation as the lights are high up.

The radiator is in for the generator but has not been installed as they are waiting on the reservoir tank. The panel put in the new software has been working as programmed. The generator runs every Monday for ½ hour two times a day.

### Courthouse

Don Myers Plumbing is in Circuit Court to fix the bathroom in judge's chambers.

There was no heat in Circuit Court yesterday. The unit is 16 years-old and Don Myers added Freon. There is no written contract with Don Myers but he comes in and maintains and services the unit.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING  
**Subdivision**

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, did not present the Phillip Hammit Subdivision for approval. County Surveyor, Paul Norr found an issue with the tile which will have to be relocated.

IN RE: CLERK

Clerk, Jim Voglewede, and Deputy Clerk, Laurie Miller, met to request Laurie be granted to carryover her vacation after her April 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary date. Due to the Coronavirus her vacation plans have been rescheduled for May 2020. She saves one week annually for the National bowling tournaments held in April. Her husband's medical issues restrict him from many activities but bowling is the only sport he can do.

The Commissioners took the information under advisement and if adopting another policy, the situation will be under consideration.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, submitted the 2020 IT Licensing and Service Agreement between the City of Decatur and Adams County for approval. The contract gives the city everything that the county needs to protect data (internet access, email, malware, virus protection). The schedule for payments to Adams County is \$26,023.52.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the 2020 IT contract with the City of Decatur. Motion carried.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Attorney Burry informed the board he will be meeting with City of Decatur Attorney, Tim Baker and Town of Geneva and City of Berne Attorney, Dave Baumgartner, on Thursday. They are meeting to come up with a process for the coronavirus. The situation changes hour by hour. Mr. Burry stated we are not under Martial Law. Spring break is coming up and people will be leaving. The courts can manage their own docket and they will do that in coordination with Indiana. Personnel and closing offices comes back to the County and is up to the Commissioners. Local government has tools available to them that private enterprises do not. We will figure this out one step at a time. It is important to talk together

and look at what the State and Federal Government is doing. There will be mandates coming down from State and Federal Government.

The Commissioner's agreed as of right now it is business as usual. When necessary action needs to be taken, the Commissioners will do what is needed.

Environmentalism, Nathan Scherer, reported updates and documents from the CDE and ISDH are being put on the Adams County website daily.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for March 17, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Mary B. Beery  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

Kim A. Fruechte  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore, Commissioner  
Douglas L. Bauman  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman