

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 4, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Commissioner, Rex Moore, and County Auditor, Mary Beery, were 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 January 21, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

The Commissioners did not meet last week, January 28, 2020 due to a lack of quorum.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$305,521.89 for the pay period ending January 24, 2020. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the claims totaling \$407,375.94 to be paid 2/5/2020. 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 February 3, 2020, in the amount of \$47,457.77 (Medical \$21,106.74 & Pharmacy \$30,196.97 & Recovered Refund \$72.75 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$1,890.40 & Carry over credit \$1,882.79). 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 December 16, 2019 to January 15, 2020 stating there had been 4 inspections, with 4 correct and 0 rejected. Motion carried.

**Wheel Tax Quarterly Report**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the quarterly report for 4th quarter 2019 for wheel tax & surtax. Motion carried.

**Town of Geneva Planning Assistance Agreement**

The 2020 planning assistance agreement between Adams County and the Town of Geneva, in the amount of \$1,200.00, was submitted for approval.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of signing the 2020 planning assistance agreement between Adams County and the Town of Geneva. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Culvert C-411**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, opened the following bids for culvert C-411, located on Piqua Road over Gerke Ditch.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Jutte Excavating, Fort Recovery, OH	\$144,495.58	No one present
Luginbill Excavating, Berne, IN	\$119,870.10	Brent Luginbill
Fleming Excavating, Decatur, IN	\$149,741.60	No one present
VTF Excavation, Celina, OH	\$146,439.00	Aaron Bathe
A. Landon Excavating,	rejected	No one present

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to take the bids under advisement. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey said that A. Landon Excavating submitted a bid but the paperwork was not complete, the non-collusion affidavit was not signed and they did not include their financial statement.

**Steel beams**

Mr. Barkey opened the following bids for the sale of used steel beams.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lehman Feed Mill, Inc., Berne, IN	\$4,000.00
Ohio City Auto Inc., Ohio City, OH	\$1,450.00

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to take the bids under advisement. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-2**

Mr. Barkey had the commissioners sign a resolution at last commissioner meeting. Upon further review he noticed there were several spelling errors. He had a new one drawn up with the corrections.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to sign the updated Resolution 2020-2. Motion Carried.

**Road School**

Mr. Barkey said the road school is coming up on March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and has signed himself up. He asked who else would like to attend and he would sign them up. Commissioner Bauman, Commissioner Fruechte, & Brad Yoder said they will also attend.

**Storm Water Conference**

Mr. Barkey said this Thursday he will be attending the storm water conference.

**Trails project**

Mr. Barkey reported that Primco will be lifting the bridge off the beams to be moved to the approachment area. They will disassemble the bridge to take it to their shop to fix what needs to be fixed. They are currently putting a lot of rip rap in the river so they can get the crane into position.

IN RE:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, introduced Brad Yoder to the board, he will be taking over as Superintendent when Mr. Caffee retires.

**Permits & Installation Requirements**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, submitted a permit and installation requirements from NIPSCO to run a gas line located on 900 N from 000 Rd to 100 E in Root Township.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the permit and installation requirements from NIPSCO. Motion carried.

**Roads**

Mr. Caffee reported that the 2019 snow season cost \$206,077.04. He also presented estimates of 2020 projects that he wants to complete. Mr. Caffee said some contracts last year did not get completed due to the weather. He will be getting ahold of the contractors this week to check the status. The money is in place for those contracts.

Mr. Caffee reported County Road 500 S between County Road 000 & US Highway 27 needs some work. He wants to get this done before Berne Days and before a bridge being done nearby. He is concerned with the rerouting of traffic flow on that road. He would like to get this road widened and wedge and leveled before these two things happen.

**Community Crossings**

Mr. Caffee said he may not be able to apply for new community crossing grant projects if they have not completed what they have in the project now. Once the projects are completed, then he can apply for the next round. He will have to look into to see if this is the case.

IN RE:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE**Courthouse**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the Courthouse bathrooms will be done this week.

**Superior Court**

Mr. Burkhalter will be getting bids for carpet for the Superior Courtroom.

IN RE:

ADAMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Adams Memorial Hospital Attorney, Adam Miller, presented uniform conflict of interest for Candice Borne Bauman, David J McIntire and Robert E Judge M.D.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the three uniform conflict of interest disclosure statement that were presented. Motion carried.

IN RE:

GOLDEN MEADOWS**Admission**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, submitted an application for an admission to the home of an Adams County male. The male has been a resident of Adams County for 20 years. She will apply for ARCH for this person.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the admittance of an Adams County male based on the recommendation of Kris Nichols. Motion carried.

**Monthly Report**

Mrs. Nichols, presented the January 2020 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 31 residents at the home. The report shows \$36,448.25 was received in room and board funds. There were no admissions and two discharges and currently 19 males and 10 females at the home.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for January 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nichols stated that there will be 30 residences with this new admission.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, presented the following subdivision for approval:

Three lot subdivision known as the Andrew B. Wickey Subdivision, located 1/2 mile North on County Road 700 S on 600 E and in Section 3 of Jefferson Township.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the Andrew B Wickey Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director, Ian Gilbert, met with the Commissioners to have them sign the RISQ program agreement with North Adams School & Adams Central School. RISQ is covered by the schools & the out of school suspension portion is covered by Community Corrections.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to sign the agreement with both schools. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Director, Colton Bickel, met with the Commissioners for an update since he started five months ago. He is getting to know the community and meet with the industries. He has had seven leads that they submitted for to the State. Mr. Bickel said that Adams County is the only County in Indiana that has a food processing site. He does not have all the stats for 2019, but he was aware of two new expansions that created 57 jobs. He would like to create a strategic plan for 2020. He is also looking into a learning center for Adams County.

Mr. Bickel said they offer a EDC Loan to new businesses or businesses that want to expand. They can borrow 30% from EDC, 10% must be their own funds, and 60% from a loan.

Mr. Bickel is a part of LEDO (Local Economic Development Organization). Eleven counties meet monthly and work together. If one county gets a lead on a new business and they could not help them to what their needs are, then they could contact other counties to see if they can meet their needs better. This could create jobs for residences in the adjoining counties.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney, Mark Burry, reported the Highway Department wanted a draft ordinance for damage to roads from farm equipment. Mr. Burry said he is looking at the CEDIT Ordinance for the spending plan for 2020 & 2021. Mr. Burry said the Health Department is looking to update their sewer ordinance. The Health Board meeting is tomorrow morning. They are planning to review changes such as the sizing of septic systems, cleaning out privies & the construction of a privy tank. If the changes are approved by the board, then a public hearing on the new updates would need to take place. Then the Health Board will make a recommendation to the commissioners to adopt the new ordinance.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for February 4, 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