

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 25, 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 February 18, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding renewal request for February 25, 2020, in the amount of \$27,621.07 (Medical \$26,299.84 & Pharmacy \$22,795.40 & Carry Over Credit amount \$21,254.77 & Recovered Refund \$31.20 & Voids \$188.20). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of payment for the Health Insurance Allied Benefits Administrative Service and claims for March 2020. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$48,503.31; PPO fees \$996.00; admin fees \$2,481.60; January RC ID fee \$20.00; for a premium total of \$52,000.91. Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,029,255.69 in the checking and reserve accounts.

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 \$693.68. Motion carried.

Animal Control

The Animal Control report for August 2019 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 5 dogs, 6 kittens, and 7 cats had been picked up from August 1, 2019 to August 28, 2019. Total mileage was 424 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$186.56.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the August 2019 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

The Animal Control report for September 2019 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 9 dogs, 5 kittens, 3 puppies, and 10 cats had been picked up from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Total mileage was 596 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$262.24

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the September 2019 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

The Animal Control report for October 2019 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 10 dogs, 2 kittens, 6 puppies, and 3 cats had been picked up from October 3, 2019 to October 30, 2019. Total mileage was 450 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$198.00

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the October 2019 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

The Animal Control report for November 2019 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 7 dogs, 3 kittens, and 5 cats had been picked up from November 3, 2019 to November 29, 2019. Total mileage was 397 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$174.68

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the November 2019 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

The Animal Control report for December 2019 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 12 dogs, 3 kittens, and 4 cats had been picked up from December 3, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Total mileage was 433 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$190.52

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the December 2019 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

The Animal Control report for January 2020 was received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger, reporting that 3 dogs and 7 cats had been picked up from January 2, 2020 to January 31, 2020. Total mileage was 382 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$168.08

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept the January 2020 report as submitted by Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger. Motion carried.

IN RE: VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Commissioner Bauman presented on behalf of VSO, Ron Bollenbacher, a letter from the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA). The annual service officer's training will be held in Edinburg, Indiana, from June 8 – 10, 2020. The training is part the accreditation and certification of service officers to maintain or gain accreditation and certification as outlined in Indiana Code 10-17-1-10(d).

Motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve Ron Bollenbacher attending the IDVA annual service officer's training from June 8 – 10, 2020 in Edinburg. Motion carried.

IN RE: WABASH HERITAGE RIVER CORRIDOR APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to appoint Randy Lehman as a member of the Wabash Heritage River Corridor, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to appoint Kelly Morningstar as an alternate member of the Wabash Heritage River Corridor, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Culvert C-411

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented the certificate of insurance, e-verify affidavit, performance bond, and payment bond for the culvert C-411 project. The contract with Jutte Excavating was submitted for signature.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, approval to sign the contract with Jutte Excavating for the culvert C-411 project. Motion Carried.

Bridge Re-Inspection Meeting

Mr. Barkey will be attending the meeting in Indianapolis regarding bridge re-inspection formats. The State committee consists of consulting engineers and INDOT personnel.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, approval to attend the bridge re-inspection meeting in Indianapolis. Motion carried.

Wabash River Bridge

Primco is ready to dismantle the Wabash River bridge.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MVH/Local Road & Street

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented the monthly MVH and Local Road & Street report to the Commissioners stating the MVH 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 February 2020 into the record. Motion carried.

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, and Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported the following:

A bill was sent to a landowner on November 18, 2019 due to road damage caused by them.

They both met with the power company concerning the 14 utility poles up in the right-of-way. The company was apologetic and more than willing to comply with and correct the situation. The following permits and installation requirements were submitted by said utility company:

Paulding Putnam Electric - 500 E to 1150 and 1100 N - begin at 500 E to 1200 N to locate the poles and end at 1100 N on 500 E. The poles will be moved back about 12 feet. The permit is to relocate the poles within the right-of-way.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the permit and installation requirements from Paulding Putnam Electric at the above location. Motion carried.

Paulding Putnam Electric – same location as above - to dig tile up and replace at location where pole was installed in the tile.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, approval for Paulding Putnam Electric to dig tile up and replace at location where pole was installed in the tile. Motion carried.

Brad and/or Lonnie will be onsite when the poles are removed to make sure there are no more issues with tiles or locations.

Ordinance 2020-?

Ordinance 2020-?, an ordinance to assess damage to public roadways in the County of Adams, State of Indiana, and to establish procedures for asserting assessments for damages to roadway within the County of Adams, State of Indiana was given to the county attorney to look over for future approval.

1200 S

Drew Wolfred of Kimley and Horn, along with Lonnie Caffee and Brad Yoder, addressed the board on flooding causing road damage issues on 1200 S. Mr. Caffee has pursued the problem and the Department of Natural Resources has recommended that we get an engineering firm to help facilitate the project and the unique situations that go with it.

Drew Wolfred met last Tuesday at the location which sits on the county line between Jay and Adams. There is a slope at the edge of the road where there could be vehicle runoffs with no recovery. The DNR and Army Core of Engineers want to know the true limits of service which is why an engineer is necessary. They want a streamline process and more comfort and assurance of the limits that are being done to correct the situation. Adams County would be responsible to pay the engineering firm for approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 for design, permitting and advertising for bid. Further work would raise the costs due to modeling. Initial project cost will be approximately \$400,000. There are three different ways to address the safety issue. The riverbank where it meets the road is starting to fall away and it is not erosion but the moisture below. Problem area is located in Jay county but it is Adams County's responsibility to maintain.

Commissioner Bauman suggested they contact Jay County and explain the problem that borders both counties and get their input.

Mr. Caffee questioned whether the project could be done in segments, adding public safety should trump temporary safety.

Attorney, Mark Burry, stated it comes down to permits and to see what can and can't be done. The issue needs to be looked into as well as funding and designs options. No decision needs to be made today.

Drew Wolfred stated the consulting fees are \$160 per hour not to exceed \$7,500. This does not cover design but gets the necessary permits to do a temporary fix. Commissioner Bauman suggested having Kimley and Horn do the upfront work and the county pay a consulting of \$160 per hour not to exceed \$7,500.

Mr. Burry suggested they find a way to get the guardrail to stay for years then try to get grant funds to complete the project.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to follow the recommendation and approve the firm moving forward not to exceed \$7,500 and contact the DNR and Jay County to get approval of a temporary fix for road safety and to facilitate traffic, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Courthouse

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported he has received a bid to fix the bathroom in Circuit Court. The bid from Meyers Plumbing is an estimated amount of \$1,286 due to having no idea as to the work entailed.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to proceed with Meyers Plumbing, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

Service Complex

The duct work on the AC unit in the IT service room has been removed and replaced.

The generator was last serviced 11/7/2018 and will be serviced on Monday, March 2nd. Moving forward the unit will be serviced twice annually for \$500. Mr. Burkhalter is working with Two Brothers located in the Fort Wayne/Grabill area. He is working with the Golden Meadows Home and other county buildings to get all onto one agreement and a possible package deal.

Joe H Construction was contacted on installing a new flag pole. The board questioned lighting on the pole which is currently lit by the street light. The board instructed Mr. Burkhalter to contact Kiess Electric on adding a light to shine on the flag.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, presented the following subdivision for approval as amended. The subdivision was resubmitted due to an error that was found in the language on prior approval.

Three lot subdivision known as the Andrew B. Wickey Subdivision, located ½ 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 as amended. Motion carried.

2019 Annual report

The annual report for 2019 was submitted by Mark Wynn.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to accept the 2019 Annual Report as submitted, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

E-911

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, reported Barry Ritter has completed the requested information and has the E-911 PSAP report for 2019. Mr. Ritter would like to meet with the board in March. The sheriff wanted the board to know that work is being done in the background.

Permission to Hire

Permission was requested to hire two new additional jailers. The jail is fully staffed now and normally have 3 jailers working per shift. The biggest problem is from the courts, prosecuting attorney, and other attorneys. There is not enough staffing at times to transport the inmates for counseling, meeting with attorneys, and court hearings. No one can predict what will happen on a daily basis. The two new jailers will be on the day shift and tasked for inmate movement. This will be their sole responsibility and if no movement is needed they will work within the jail. The jail must be staffed with three jailers and if all of them are busy there is no one to transport the inmate(s). If it is meal time or there is a disturbance in the jail, they cannot transport an inmate. The quicker they are processed, the faster they can be out of the jail.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to accept the request and complete an analysis before and after the positions are hired, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Ordinance 2020-2

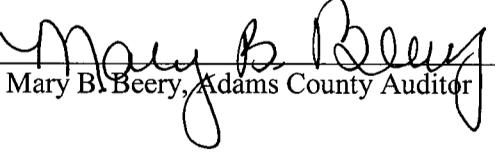
Ordinance 2020-2, an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Indiana, which amends the capital improvement plan for Adams County, Indiana, for the calendar years 2020-2021 was resubmitted for adoption.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, Ordinance 2020-2 was adopted. Motion carried.

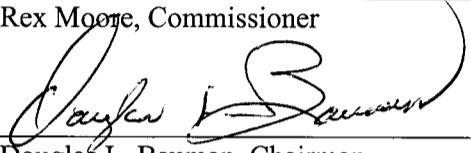
IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for February 25, 2020 was adjourned.
Motion carried.

ATTEST: 
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor


Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman