

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 14, 2020 at 11:00 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 January 7, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Employee Compensation**

Auditor, Mary Beery, submitted for signature the annual report of compensation paid to all officers, deputies and employees of Adams County who worked during the 2019 calendar year.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of signing the annual report of compensation paid to all officers, deputies and employees of Adams County who worked during the 2019 calendar year. 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 January 13, 2020, in the amount of \$33,301.80 (Medical \$13,272.01 & Pharmacy \$20,029.79). Motion carried.

The current Health Insurance balance is \$2,261,062.17.

**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 \$671.25. Motion carried.

**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$36,080.47 for the claims that were paid 1/14/2020. Motion carried.

**Department Head Meeting**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to establish the following dates for department head meetings in 2020 at 9 a.m.; April 2, Kim Fruechte; August 6, Rex Moore; and December 3, Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, reported he reposted in the newspaper that sealed bids were taken and received for the three vehicles and equipment. This will take care of grant requirements to purchase vehicles.

The bills from Quality Correctional Care for January and February 2020 are the correct monthly billing and will be paid in the next claim cycle.

IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS

IT Director, Mike Brown, presented an invoice from Wired Communications for approval. The costs are for cabling at the Courthouse and to be paid from Cumulative Courthouse.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the invoice to be paid from Cumulative Courthouse. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on Wednesday he will be meeting with the surveyor and engineer on the 800 N project (mud road). They will discuss the cross sections, drainage, etc. The project is moving quicker and could be completed in 2020 depending how long it takes to acquire right-of-way.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Permits & Installation Requirements**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented the following overhead permit and installation requirements for approval.

I & M - run overhead tap for new home at 500 E to begin at 200 S and end at 300 S.

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

**Roads**

The crew is cleaning debris off the roads so water could run off. They are also working on signage and grading roads today. The river is across 150 W and 200 W. Water has receded on 200 E and the sign has been removed.




IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the women’s restroom at the Courthouse will be remodeled on January 16. Kiess Electric will install new LED lights in the Clerk’s office on Monday.

IN RE: SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

Rick Anderson of Johnson Melloh Solutions, updated the board on the findings of the energy savings project to help save on energy costs. Mr. Anderson had met with the board on October 8, 2019 and was given approval to complete the report to enter into an agreement for an assessment at no cost to the county.

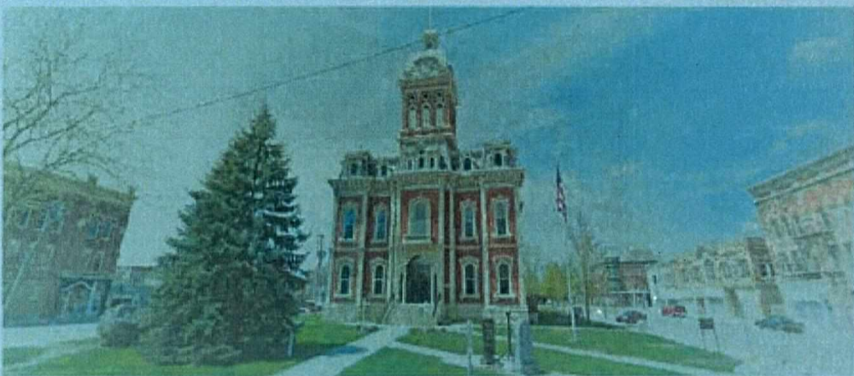


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**OBJECTIVE**

Collaborate with Adams County to develop energy conservation measures that decrease energy usage, produce sustainable energy, reduce utility costs, and provide substantial benefits to their buildings and community.

**SOLAR ARRAY SYSTEMS**

- Expressed commitment to sustainability
- 20 year full service maintenance, labor, and insurance
- Increased facility or property value
- Reduce utility bill costs

**LED LIGHTING RETROFIT**



Advantages of LEDs Include:

- Long lasting lumen output
- Provides white, vibrant light
- Consumes 75% less energy
- Significantly less operating cost to maintain

**MECHANICAL UPGRADES**

**Service Complex**

- Add VFD’s to the pumps and replace existing 8 gas fired boilers with high efficiency condensing Boilers
- Building Control System

**Highway Department**

- Replace the existing gas fired unit heaters with tube type gas fired infrared heaters


**Energy Conservation Project**

**OPERATING COMPANY:**  
Johnson Melloh Solutions

**CLIENT:**  
Adams County

**SOLAR PROJECTS:**

Sheriff's Office & Detention Center	-	885 kW	100% Offset
Service Complex	-	95.6 kW	25% Offset
Highway Department	-	64.0 kW	100% Offset



**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS (20YEARS):**

**PROJECT COST:**  
**\$3,500,000**


**PROJECTED SAVINGS:**  
**\$6,600,000**

**POSITIVE CASH FLOW:**  
**\$1,475,000**

**JMS SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- ☑ Solar Monitoring and Service
- ☑ Renewable and Sustainable Energy
- ☑ Energy Efficient Facility Upgrades
- ☑ Production Validation
- ☑ Customer Satisfaction

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**Client Contact:** Mary B. Beery  
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**Project Contact:** Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson reported there is 30% to 40% installation of solar in Indiana. The project cost for the county is \$3.5 million and Legislation allows not more than a 20-year lease. We are dealing with operating not project costs. The company is self-performing and completes 50% to 75% of the work and installation. Mr. Anderson will meet with Council in February to make a presentation for funding.



IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court Judge, Chad Kukelhan requested permission to hire a replacement for the Court Administrator as the previous employee resigned. The current bailiff, Sandy Brown, has accepted the position of Court Administrator which leaves an opening for the bailiff position. He has spoken with the other staff members and they wanted to remain as court reporters.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of hiring a replacement for the bailiff position. Motion carried.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg, met with the board to inform them his office will begin accepting ACH payments for payment of property taxes. They will begin with the payment option of pulling funds out of the checking account on a monthly basis.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

**Ordinance 2020-01**

Ordinance 2020-01, an ordinance of the Adams County, State of Indiana, Board of Commissioners designating a certain county road located in Adams County, State of Indiana, as preferential road and ordering the erection of a yield sign at a certain intersection and removal of a stop sign as a certain intersection pursuant to the powers vested in the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Indiana code § 9-21, was introduced for consideration.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020-01. Motion carried.

Mr. Burry stated that the removal of the sign is effective on the date upon publication.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for January 14, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

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

Kim A. Fruechte  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

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Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman