

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 21, 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, 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 14, 2020 were approved. 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 \$307,480.67 for the pay period ending January 10, 2020. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the claims totaling \$384,938.31 to be paid 1/22/2020. 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 January 13, 2020, in the amount of \$27,720.62 (Medical \$30,383.93 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Recovered Refund \$10.12 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$2,653.19). Motion carried.

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

**Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the December 2019 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

**Town of Monroe Planning Assistance Agreement**

The 2020 planning assistance agreement between Adams County and the Town of Monroe, in the amount of \$400, 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 Monroe. Motion carried.

**Comp Time Report for 4th Quarter 2019**

The comp time report for 4th quarter period ending 12/31/2019 was presented with a report detailing comp time for all departments. There is a separate listing with employees over 80 hours of accrued time. No report was given by Superior Court.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for acknowledgment of the reports from the Adams County Auditor showing the acquired hours of compensating time for the period ending 12/31/2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

**Director and System Administrator of Information Technology**

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the Employment Agreement for Michael Brown as Director and System Administrator of Information Technology. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> he will be opening bids for Culvert C-411 located on Piqua Rd near Monmouth. He will also be receiving bids for the sale of beams and they will be opened on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Barkey said he will be attending the Surveyors conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana this Wednesday through Friday.

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 January 2020 into the record. Motion carried.

**Roads**

Mr. Caffee presented a comparison summary of the work cost from 2018 and 2019. Due to the stone roads in the south of the county, there is a lot more costs in those townships compared to the north townships. There are 100 miles of stone roads in the county.

Thursday his department put salt down at intersections since the storm was heading in and he made the correct call.

**Highway**

Mr. Caffee & EMA Director, John August, met with the commissioners to discuss a quote they received from the IT Department. If there is an emergency, EMA could use one of the highway department buildings. There is currently no Wi-Fi in the building. IT Department, Bob Hakes, gave them a quote from Wired Communications, LLC in the amount \$16,100.00, and to enhance their security as well in the amount of \$5,000.00. The total amount of \$21,100 will be paid out of the highway budget. Mr. August said that the highway department is centered in the middle of the county and would be ideal as a temporary emergency operations center or a command center if a disaster took place. This building would have to be ready before they could use this location. Commissioner Fruechte, asked if the public could tie into the Wi-Fi. Mr. Barkey said this would be private and would require a password.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the quote from Wired Communication, LLC in the amount of \$21,100 to put Wi-Fi & better security in the Highway Department Building. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, was not present. He did tell Commissioner Bauman that they are working on the bathroom in the courthouse and he came in yesterday to do additional work in the courthouse.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS HOME

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the December 2019 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 31 residents at the home. The report shows \$32,506.81 was received in room and board funds. There were no admissions and no discharges and currently 19 males and 12 females at the home.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for December 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nichols stated that there are currently 29 residences as of today. Two people were discharged.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING**Monthly Report**

Mark Wynn, Building and Plan Commission Director, presented the monthly report for December 2019 showing that there had been:

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	2	\$290,000
Unattached Buildings	6	\$109,000
Addition to Unattached Buildings	2	\$23,000
Agricultural Buildings	1	\$95,000
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total dollar value \$517,300</b>

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the monthly report for December 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2020-1

Resolution 2020-1, a resolution that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams believes the protection of all human life is important to the people of Adams County.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, introduced and read Resolution 2020-1. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to adopt Resolution 2020-1. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bauman said the top three causes of death are cancer, heart disease and abortion. For mothers or fathers that need support with their child, they can go to Hope Clinic which is located in Decatur and Berne.

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2020-2

Resolution 2020-2, a joint resolution of the Adams County, State of Indiana, Board of Commissioners, and the Mercer County, State of Ohio, Board of Commissioners, authorize the Adams County, Indiana Highway Department and the Mercer County, Ohio Highway Department to enter into a border bridge agreement.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, introduced the short title and read Resolution 2020-2. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Barkey said the bridges are on the Indiana Ohio border. Ohio was taking care of these bridges. The State of Indiana wanted documentation to show this. This is for one bridge in Mercer County OH & Adams County IN border. This will be a 50/50 agreement. There are three bridges that border Van Wert County Ohio and Adams County Indiana. This documentation will be coming at a later date.

IN RE: ORDINANCE 2010-1

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 read.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to adopt 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 21, 2020 was adjourned.  
Motion carried.

ATTEST: Kristy Stuckey  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor  
Chief Deputy Auditor

Kim A. Fruechte  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman