

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met June 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and County Auditor, Mary Beery.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for May 26, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding renewal request for May 26, 2020, in the amount of \$29,365.27 (Medical \$6,171.96 & Pharmacy \$4,621.06 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$1,427.75) and a funding renewal request for June 1, 2020, in the amount of \$12,144.83 (Medical \$12,144.83 & Pharmacy \$0.00) for a total of \$41,510.10. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, opened the bids for the installation and replacement of object markers at bridges and culverts in Blue Creek Township. The project will be completed by the end of October. It is highly recommended by the Federal Highway that end markers be at all structures. Bids were submitted by the following:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Specialties Company, LLC, Indianapolis, IN	\$60,500	Brad Streeval

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to take the bid under advisement. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey reported Fleming Excavating completed culvert projects C-100 and C-191 last spring. He presented a change order for \$3,360.29 and requested additional funding for the work itemized below that has already been completed.

C-100 – required 120' of 12" dual wall pipe.

C-191 - vein of sand and gravel - footing elevation and had to spend extra time pumping at ½ day extra at each footing.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the change order totaling \$3,360.29. Motion carried.

Butler Fairman & Seufert completed inspecting 72 bridges in May and 88 will be completed in June. Butler Fairman & Seufert completed inspecting 72 bridges in May and 88 will be completed in June, one with fracture critical joints. There are 120 structures and inspections are completed every other year.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported the department is mowing and the new mower is working well.

The dust control applications are completed and there were six at this point. They will start next week depending on the weather.

He has hired two employees to replace the ones who have terminated.

Brooks Construction is finishing up on 750 N and doing approaches now then will add stone.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the Courthouse flag was replaced last Wednesday. Carpet will be installed in Superior court on Friday.

The company will be here on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to shred confidential documents. Departments can bring their documents to the Commissioners room on Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday of that week.

IN RE: BI-COUNTY SERVICES

Tim Ramsey met with the Commissioners to present Bi-County's annual financial review and budget funding request. The 2021 request would be for \$39,312 which is the same amount requested for over a decade. This has been a tough year with staffing issues and employee turnover continues. There were four empty beds last time he presented and two of those have been filled. There is a third one but due to COVID it has been put on hold. Day services has been shut down due to COVID but they are slowly bringing people back. People are wearing masks, social distancing, limiting visitors to day services, and no visitors are allowed at the homes. They have 170 employees and Bi-County is eligible for small business loans due to COVID. Bi-County has sufficient reserve funds.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the budget request of \$39,312 for Bi-County Services. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging Director, Michelle Lengerich, met with the board to discuss the 2021 budget. She is asking for no increase in the 2021 budget which is currently \$30,000. She thanked the Commissioners for their support. The number of trips has declined because they discontinued accepting Medicaid.

She is working on grants and receiving some Federal funds through Title 111B funds of the Older Americans Act. They have received \$30,000 in loans.

They transport dialysis patients which costs \$50,000 annually. The vehicles are in great shape as they are serviced semi-annually. The State of Indiana takes care of 80% of the costs with Council on Aging paying 20%. Michelle expressed appreciation to the City of Decatur for letting them use the gas pumps on Elm Street.

Council on Aging has a savings account that they have had to use monies to help with funding. The savings is from donors in the past.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the budget request of \$30,000 for Council on Aging. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

**Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the March, April, and May 2020 Golden Meadows monthly reports.

March – took in \$32,508.63 in room and board. There was one admission and on discharge leaving 21 males and 10 females.

April - took in \$33,659.42 in room and board. There were no admissions and there were 21 males and 10 females.

May - took in \$37,680.64 in room and board. There were no admissions and one discharge leaving 20 males and 10 females.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for all three months as presented. Motion carried.

**Permission to Hire**

Mrs. Nichols requested permission to replace a full-time CNA as the current position is opened.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the recommendation and grant permission of hiring a replacement. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

**Indiana Bond Bank**

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented an application from the Indiana Bond Bank for the IT Department. This is to borrow \$75,000 for equipment, electrical and construction costs for uninterrupted power supply (UPS) in the IT room. A UPS unit will supply power for up to 4 hours if the generator fails. The Health Department is installing a UPS unit to power up refrigeration. The cost for the Health Department is \$2,500. You have no power between the cut off of power and the generator kicks on. Power runs through the UPS unit and the current never drops. Power spikes wreck your equipment.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval to submit the application. Motion carried.

**Performance Evaluation Form**

The performance evaluation form that was prepared by Council was discussed. Mr. Burry is going to forward the document to Barnes & Thornburg as they are skilled in employment law.

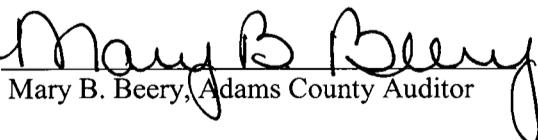
Council President, Stan Stoppenhagen, stated the new form will be instrumental in setting wages. Likely someone who rates high would get a higher wage increase. Wage adjustments for longevity and education are still up for discussion. Mr. Stoppenhagen noted that no decisions were made at Monday's meeting and everything is tentative at this point.

Mark Burry stated Council is the fiscal and Commissioners are the executive branch of county government. Performance, discipline, and discharge is the Commissioners decision and wage is Council.

RE: ADJOURN

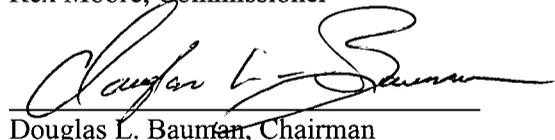
Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for June 3, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

  
Rex Moore, Commissioner

  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman