

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Rex Moore was present via Microsoft Teams.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for June 16, 2020. 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 June 29, 2020, in the amount of \$5,112.20 (Medical \$5,112.20 & Pharmacy \$0.00). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the Health Insurance Allied Benefits Administrative Service and claims for July 2020. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$49,105.18; PPO fees \$1,008.00; admin fees \$2,511.68; May RC ID fee \$7.50; for a premium total of \$52,632.36. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the contract for the Bridge B-100 project, located on 300 W between 100 S and 200 S, ran over by \$10,226.05 due to replacing a field entrance at \$1,920; adding class A rip rap instead of revetment at \$4,303.36; and 35-ton more was used on asphalt at the approach. The original contract was \$244,437.60 and the change order of \$10,226.05 increases it to \$254,663.65. Mr. Barkey asked for approval to pay the additional amount.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to approve the change order and the amount of \$254,663.65, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

The board was reminded that bids will be opened next Tuesday to correct scour and erosion problems over 3 bridges and 1 culvert.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, requested permission to get quotes for new pickup. He will be trading in a 2000 Ford 150. The truck Brad is currently driving is a 2012 Dodge and will be moved down in the fleet. The board directed him to check the State QPA to see what pricing they have. Mr. Yoder stated he has the money in his budget to cover the costs.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve getting quotes for a new pickup. Motion carried.

Department

Chip and sealing began on Monday and the crew is back out today. Today is the last day for buggy plate sales without a penalty. The penalty of \$25 per plate is added if they are late. As of this morning there have been 2,397 plates sold. Brooks has finished paving on 900 S and are putting edge stone today. They have completed 4 ½ miles of road and it is a huge improvement. Yesterday, they were paving Rainbow Road from Ceylon going south.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the shredding of confidential documents worked out well. There were 6,631 lbs. shredded in 2020 and 3,789 lbs. in 2019.

Mr. Burkhalter requested permission to hire a replacement for the Courthouse custodian who has resigned effective immediately.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission to replace the custodian at the Courthouse, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

Rick Anderson of Johnson Melloh Solutions, met with the board to get direction on moving forward with the energy savings project. Mr. Anderson stated an ordinance is adopted if a large company wants to come in and do a solar farm. We do not need an ordinance for the Adams County project. The interest rate dropped from 3.5% to 2.5%. The next step would be a RFQ (request for qualification) and RFP (request for proposal). The utility rates will be locked in for as long as the solar panels are good. The County incurs no costs for the RFQ. It will take 6 to 9 months after installation before the County starts receiving a savings. The Judicial Center and Highway Department will have a small utility bill at a savings at almost 100 %. Solar panels are per facility and these two departments have enough land to house the panels. The firm prefers to put the panels on property if there is substantial land. The Service Complex will have a savings of 25% and the panels will need to be installed on the rooftop. Currently, there are not grants for this type of project. LED light bulbs will be put anywhere they have not been done. Mr. Anderson stated we can pick the facilities to add solar.

Commissioner Bauman did not like the idea of putting the panels on the roofs.

Attorney Burry advised that Rick Burkhalter get a summary of each building. The County needs to come up with a source to pay for the project and may possibly bond through the Indiana Bond Bank. Mark asked Mr. Anderson for numbers on the breakdown of the projective costs for each facility. Adams County needs to be comfortable with the savings. The County also needs a footprint and the number of units.

Mr. Anderson stated combining solar with LED is optimum. The County should get 25 to 30 years out of the panels. The cost for maintaining the panels is a couple thousand dollars. Mr. Anderson will get us more information along with counties in our area that have panels.

IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER

Managing Public Defender, Brad Weber, met to request changing the job title of the full-time secretarial position to office manager. Sildain performs as an office manager as a secretary answers phones and put things on a calendar. Brad appealed before the appeals board before New Focus and Sildain was categorized as an office manager. In his opinion, he believes this position is the same as the Prosecutor and the State agrees. Sildain supervises Gayla, manages the calendars of 3 attorneys and should be a NE6. Sildain is bilingual and a great asset when needed. He has not written a new job description because New Focus removed his changes and put what they wanted. She is filling duties of a paralegal but she does not have the degree.

Mark Burry stated other offices have an office manager and the board needs to decide if the Public Defender should. This position should be classified as an office manager if that is the duties of the position. Brad was advised to get the job description changed and then go to Council for the wages.

Councilman, Stan Stoppenhagen, stated Council based salary levels on the job description, which would impact the wage. The Commissioners agreed not to approve until a new job description is presented.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

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

A five lot subdivision known as the Replat Lot 3 in the Goose Subdivision, located on 450 N ¼ east of 200 W in Section 8 of Washington Township.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the Replat Lot 3 in the Goose Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

Live Stock Ordinance 2020-6

Ordinance 2020-6, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROPORTIONS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE FOR ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF I.C. 36-7-4 AND ALL ACTS SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDATORY THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, was presented for adoption.

Mr. Wynn reported they have removed Soil and Water out of the current ordinance.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Ordinance 2020-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Flood Plain Ordinance 2020-7

Ordinance 2020-7, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROPORTIONS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE FOR ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF I.C. 36-7-4 AND ALL ACTS SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDATORY THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL **ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH**, was presented for adoption.

This Ordinance is a revision of the current flood control ordinance. There were no major changes just wording differences. The Ordinance was recommended by the Plan Commission.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to adopt Ordinance 2020-7. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Replacement of County Vehicle

Mark Wynn asked for approval to replace the 2014 Subaru County owned vehicle. There are almost 160,000 miles on it and it has a transmission issue, which will cost a little over \$6,000 to repair. He asked to pay it out of the Commissioners Equipment line. This vehicle is the same make and model as he currently has because he goes off-roading at times. The trade-in value would be \$5,000 if it were in good condition. Mr. Wynn averages 24,000 miles per year and would like to add a budget line in his budget with a 5-year rotation. The line will be zero for 4-years and an amount budgeted on the 5th year. The following quotes were received:

Subaru Outback, Indianapolis, IN		\$30,133.00
Moser Motors, Berne, IN	Ford Edge	\$29,967.00
Kelley, Decatur, IN	Jeep Cherokee	\$31,471.25

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the purchase from Subaru Outback. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to have the current 2014 Subaru auctioned off by Krueckeberg Auction in July with a reserve amount of \$750.00. Motion carried.

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – COVID-19

EMA Director, John August, updated the board on COVID-19 in Adams County. Things are coordinated using the emergency funds out of Rainy Day. COVID related expenses such as masks, gloves, shields, sanitizer, etc., have been purchased. They received a supply from the State so they do not have to be paid by the county. Emily is filing with public assistance, which is done on any kind of disaster with FEMA. FEMA covers 75% of qualifying costs and the County pays the other 25%. Working from home is not covered but overtime is.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented for signature the financing documents for the lease purchase for equipment for the uninterrupted powers supplies (UPS). The Indiana Bond Bank sends out documents to get the best interest rate. US bank had the best interest rate of 1.776% for 5 years. The first payment of \$15,794.13 will be due May 1, 2021. All payments of \$15,794.13 will be due annually on May 1st of each year. The total of the 5-year lease is \$75,150. The interest amount is \$3,820.65 for the term of the lease. The Commissioners need to approve the terms of the lease and authorize the chairman to sign.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve what Mark Burry has covered and give Doug Bauman the authority to sign it, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Pictometry

The agreement with Pictometry International Corporation was presented. If approved they will do the flyover of the County every other year for six years. The Assessor has the money budgeted for 2020. Assessor, Don Kuhn, met with the IT Committee because we need new aerials and we are so far behind. The IT Committee recommended the flyover. Don is proposing something much more current by using 3" imagery verses the current 12" imagery. The side views will give a good idea of what is there. The cost is \$72,000 per flight over three years with no interest. We can get the flyover ½ price in 2020 if it is approved for them to complete the flyover with leaves on the trees. Currently, Appraisal Research takes needed pictures per parcel, which is costly. Mark Wynn would prefer leaves off as it is easier to make drawings and see setbacks.

Councilman, Stan Stoppenhagen, stated Council had not approved this in the past because the State was to complete a flyover every three years and they have proposed not to do one. Stan will discuss this with Council in July and they can decide whether to approve an additional appropriation.

IT

Mr. Burry presented for signature the 3-year lease with McAfee for network virus protection. The total cost is \$115,715.36 and broken down to three annual payments of \$39,000. Mike Brown went ahead and signed the engagement to avoid the increased charges. The Commissioners need to sign the contract document for 3-years. The lease will be budgeted in the IT budget at \$38,571.79 through June 2023.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve signing the contract and the execution of the software payment to come out of the IT budget, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IT Agreements**Economic Development**

The Information Technology Licensing and Service Agreement between the County of Adams, State of Indiana, and the Adams County Economic Development Corporation was presented for approval. The agreement is for Economic Development to pay Adams County \$1,551.51 annually for IT services that is provided to them inside the Service Complex.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve and sign the IT agreement with Economic Development. Motion carried.

Town of Geneva

The Information Technology Licensing and Service Agreement between the County of Adams, State of Indiana, and the Town of Geneva was presented for approval. The agreement is for the Town of Geneva to pay Adams County \$15,199.14 annually for IT services that is provided to them outside of a County facility. IT Manager, Mike Brown, stated this does not include usage fees that he will invoice quarterly.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve and sign the IT agreement with the Town of Geneva. Motion carried.

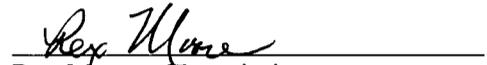
IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for June 30, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor



Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman