

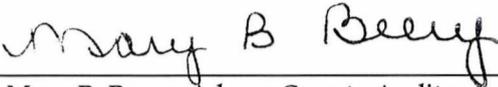
IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Adams County Commissioners held an executive session in the Commissioners room of the Adams County Service Complex on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m., before their regular meeting, concerning the following:

Discussion concerning pending or threatened litigation:
I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)

At the last minute it was determined that no executive session was needed.

Present were Commissioners; Rex Moore, Kim Fruechte, and Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; Golden Meadows Home Director, Kris Nichols; and Adams County Auditor, Mary Beery.

ATTEST: 
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met August 25, 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 Adams 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 August 18, 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 request for August 24, 2020, in the amount of \$36,610.58 (Medical \$12,978.21 & Pharmacy \$23,632.37). Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,812,330.45 in the checking and reserve accounts.

Utilities

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$36,046.83 for the claims that were paid 8/19/2020. Motion carried.

Animal Control

The Animal Control reports for June and July 2020 were received from Animal Control Officer, Chad Sprunger.

Reporting that 9 dogs, 1 kitten, and 7 cats had been picked up from June 2, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Total mileage was 496 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$218.24.

Reporting that 5 dogs, 4 kittens, and 9 cats had been picked up from July 6, 2020 to July 31, 2020. Total mileage was 424 miles at \$.44 per mile for a total of \$186.56.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the June and July 2020 report. Motion carried.

Covid-19

Bianna Brodbeck updated the board on the Covid-19 finances. There are four additional requests, which all are coming back to the county.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to approve the update, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Cares Act Requests List

Request #	Acct. Receiving Monies	Signed @ Commissioners	Sent to IFA	Amount Requested	Amount Received	Received Monies	Quietus	Reimbursed Dept	Check/ACH #
#1	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$53,655.30	\$53,655.30	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#2	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$149,000.00	\$149,000.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#3	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$3,956.78	\$3,956.78	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	Ck #49926
#4	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$59.73	\$59.73	8/10/2020	COMMISSARY		
#5	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$675.00	\$675.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	Ck #49926
#6	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$25,082.12	\$20,797.53	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#7	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$3,173.00	\$3,173.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#8	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$27,152.60	\$27,152.60	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#9	Library	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$2,594.49	\$2,594.49	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	ACH #18573
#10	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$536.00	\$536.00	8/10/2020	COMMISSARY		
#11	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$49,323.68					
#12	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$4,312.71					
#13	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$15,615.84					
#14	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$4,311.03					
#15	Commissary	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$1,331.01					
#16	County	8/25/2020		\$18,326.94					
#17	County	8/25/2020		\$12,000.00					
#18	County	8/25/2020		\$2,111.05					
#19	County	8/25/2020		\$9,152.82					

TOTAL \$382,370.10 \$261,600.43		
County Total	\$373,217.09	\$253,778.43
Commissary		
Total	\$6,558.52	\$5,227.51
Library Total	\$2,594.49	\$2,594.49

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, updated the board as follows:

The contract for Bridge B-106, located on 200 S over the Blue Creek between 500 & 650 E, was presented for signature. Miller Land Surveying will complete the boundary surveys of five landowners for \$7,500. Temporary right-of-way is needed and will be described.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve the contract, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Parking during 4-H Fair

4-H Fair Board Member, Jason Nussbaum, on behalf of the Fair Board thanked the board for allowing people to park around the highway garage during the 4-H fair.

Department

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported the crew is mowing and trimming trees.

His department will begin micro-sealing the North Pointe and Chapel Chase Subdivision on September 8, 2020. The project should be completed in four days.

The property owners neighboring the High Street property do not want to own the portion owned by Adams County.

A dead horse was found this past weekend in a road right-of-way. The Sheriff’s Department and dispatch were notified this morning. Mark Burry said the owner of the animal has to be found and charges could be filed.

Fiber Permits

A fiber permit was presented from Community Fiber Solutions, located on County Road 350 W between US 27 and Winchester Road. They will move fiber optic cable and go 150’ on each side of the road and will bore 20’ deep.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to approve the fiber permit, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Complex Building

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, had nothing to present and was not present.

IN RE: SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

Rick Anderson of Johnson Melloh Solutions, met with the board to update on the energy savings project. Sample RFP and RFQ were presented and will have to advertise a couple of times in local papers. Adams County picks a company to move forward with on the project.

IN RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Regional Sewer District Director, Barry Scherer, reported the Sewer District has received word that the State Revolving Loan Fund has awarded the district \$8 million. It will cover all of the engineering and bidding costs. The total cost is \$10,650,000 to complete the projects. Bobo is being completed now and Peterson, Preble, Clem’s Lake, Linn Grove, and Barrington Woods are left to complete. The Commissioners thanked all involved with the work they completed to get the project where it is.

IN RE: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney, Jeremy Brown, requested approval to move the current part-time investigator position to a full-time position. Jeremy submitted to Council for 2021, a considerable increase to retain a full-time investigator. Gary Burkhart was hired in 2018 as a part-time investigator and retired in 2019. He could not find a replacement because no one wants to work without health insurance. There are 525 criminal cases so far this year and 282 active warrants. They do not need to hire another secretary because they are paperless and the provided technology has made them more efficient. Jeremy asked the board to either stay with the position as a part-time investigator or seek to hire a deputy prosecutor. The department does not need another deputy prosecutor. They need a full-time investigator with experience and willing to work full-time. The investigator position would help in trying to locate an offender or criminal. Offenders will not sign for certified mail because they do not want to get caught. The investigator will be a deputy and it would be nice to have another officer in the Courthouse. Jeremy would like approval to hire a full-time investigator, which will be paid \$60,000 annually. The applicant needs 15 years of investigator experience. They will be dealing with drug, juvenile, sex, and elderly cases.

Motion by Rex Moore, to accept Jeremy’s recommendation, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – COVID-19

EMA Director, John August, asked the board to reconsider allowing employees to work from home due to COVID-19. This is only for employees who have travelled or do not feel well. John asked if a department head could be allowed to use their own judgment.

Commissioner Bauman expressed the need to have a policy in place for unique situations.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said if we want the flexibility to allow employees to work from home then there needs to be a county policy. It has to be followed by all departments and cannot single out any department. Currently, we have a form in place that needs to be filled out and the steps followed. The board can revisit the policy but the board needs to make the decision to do so. The private sector can make the calls they want but the public sector cannot. He advised against a blank policy.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

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

2 lot subdivision known as the Replat of Lot 3 GHS Subdivision, located ¼ mile north of Hwy 124 on Salem Rd / Section 32 / St. Mary's Township.

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

2 lot subdivision known as the Rupp/Abnet Subdivision, located ½ mile west of 150 East on 800 South / Section 11 / Wabash Township.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the Rupp/Abnet Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Resolution 2020-16 – Maumee River Basin Commission

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented Resolution 2020-16, a resolution of the ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INDIANA FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICY for approval.

FEMA has specific programs that allow grants to be applied for to purchase structures due to flooding. If Adams County wants to participate in the program and apply for grants, they must pass the resolution for FEMA funding. There is a local match requirement but the program is voluntary. The County does not have to commit a specific amount this would be done on a cost basis.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to adopt Resolution 2020-16. Motion carried.

Pictometry

The amendment to the agreement dated July 8, 2020 between Pictometry International Corp and Adams County was presented. The company changed some of the wording in the prior document and they are amending to reflect the change. There are no changes in fees. They updated the restriction of the resolution to 3" tiles imagery.

Motion by Kim Fruechte, to sign the corrected agreement on Pictometry, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for August 25, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

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

Kim A. Fruechte
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore
Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman