

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 1, 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: GRANT APPLICATION

Preparedness Coordinator, Karla Marbach, addressed the board to seek approval of a grant application. The grant is the CARES Act Corona Virus Relief Fund and Epidemiology and laboratory Capacity grant. The grant agency is the Indiana State Department of Health. The grant covers manning the position and renting space for a testing site for the Adams Memorial Hospital. She was under the understanding that the hospital would sign the grant. Thursday evening Karla received word from the State agency that she would sign the grant. The hospital is a for profit entity even though it is owned by Adams County. The grant amount is \$100,000 with \$50,000 up front and will run from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. There will be an interdepartmental transfer of money to the hospital.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve the grant application request, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

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 25, 2020 after removing the following sentence from Save on Energy Costs, "Adams County picks a company to move forward with on the project". Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$309,048.85 for the pay period ending August 21, 2020. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$501,382.32 to be paid September 2, 2020. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding request for August 31, 2020, in the amount of \$23,785.60 (Medical \$23,785.60 & 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 September 2020. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$48,759.08; PPO fees \$995.75; admin fees \$2,481.60; July RC ID fee \$10; for a premium total of \$52,246.43. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Resignation of John Schultz

The resignation letter of Council Member, John Schultz, was submitted for the record. John Schultz requests that Council and The Council's representative on the District Board of Directors accept his resignation effective as of August 31, 2020. Doug Baumann expressed gratitude to John Schultz who has been a public servant for a long time. Respectfully, the Adams County Board of Commissioners accept his request.

IT

Rex Moore requested approval of the 2021 annual renewal fee of \$22,252 on the nimble units. The claim will be paid from the IT budget under account 38100.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve the 2021 annual renewal fee, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Time & Attendance

Auditor, Mary Beery, gave an overview of the time and attendance system that is supported by LOW Financial Systems. She will meet with Council to seek approval.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented for signature the contract for \$29,973.88 with KBL Transport. They are the contractor to do the scour and erosion around three bridges and one culvert. The performance and payment bond, E-Verify Affidavit, and certificate of insurance were also presented.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the contract with KBL Transport. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey presented the countywide bridge inventory, Phase 2 findings prepared by Butler Fairman & Seufert. Tim uses the information to base Cumulative Bridge projects on.

South Adams Trails

The cranes on the trail project have moved back in. The contractor will begin bringing the bridge members back and assembling the bridge. The pieces are primed and will be painted cardinal red.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported the following; the crew finished chip and sealing the 3 ½ miles they prepared. Their roller broke so they rented one for a day. Mowing is moving well and most areas have been

completed twice and the crew is working on the third time. The department is planning on berming roads this fall; beginning towards the end of September.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE
Complex Building

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the contractor will be here tomorrow to fix the noisy handlers in the Commissioners room and Public Defender’s Office. He has been informed that the filters need to be changed more frequently, which is the contractor’s responsibility.

Bats have been removed and Chet’s Pest Control was called. Mr. Fox said babies don’t know what they are doing and are trying to find their way. This happens between August 15th to mid-September.

Superior Court

The screens were reinstalled at Superior Court. They were not installed after the windows were cleaned.

Courthouse

Prosecutor, Jeremy Brown, would like a new door installed at Child Support Services. He will pay for it out of his budget. Cameras were installed to show the entire hallway and there will be additional cameras installed. Painting is being done in the Prosecutor’s Office because cabinets were moved. The mice in the office have been taken care of.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Daniel Mawhorr, requested permission to add a new court security officer. There is currently one officer in each building for the court systems. He is paying deputies overtime due to the lack of officers. He plans to hire a third security officer and they will be rotated throughout the day. He will be looking into having a third party vendor. He would like to find a retired officer to fill the position. The position would begin in 2021.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, approval to go before Council with the request. Motion carried.

The sheriff mentioned that metal detectors need to be installed in the future.

The department has ordered two chargers and one Ford interceptor which will be paid by Rural Department. The same process will continue in the future as long as the monies are available. Sheriff Mawhorr requested signatures for the award of 34.99% of the total \$122,896.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture.

A confinement officer was involved in a car accident and he has run out of paid time off. Sheriff Mawhorr requested the additional bi-weekly pay. The employee has been with the department for over two years.

Motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the additional bi-weekly pay. Motion carried.

There have been multiple pieces of equipment that has been ordered and will be paid by the CARES Act.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

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

2 lot subdivision known as the Replat Lot 1 Imel Subdivision, located ½ mile south of 850 N on US Highway 27/ Section 21 & 28 / Root Township.

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

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented two permits from AEP. AEP is working on transmission lines that go from the jail to State Highway 33. They are requesting permission to do soil borings and survey work through the right-of-way. Mr. Burry looked them over and reported the agreements are acceptable with the added language under Special Conditions: Permission for the work is granted on the condition that the contractor or project site representative shall notify the Sheriff of Adams County when the work is to begin and keep the Sheriff informed about the work to be done on site for the duration of the project. Contractors and workers should be able to provide identification showing their permission to be on site and who they are working for. AEP will fix any conditions that is their responsibility.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, approval on granting access to the areas and allow soil borings and survey work to be completed. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for September 1, 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