

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore; Attorney, Nate Reinking; and Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck. Absent was County Auditor, Mary Beery and County Attorney, Mark Burry.

Commissioner Doug Bauman welcomed Kate Buckingham from the Berne Witness to replace Randy Fudge that passed away this past week. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of Randy.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for October 13, 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 October 12, 2020, in the amount of \$55,323.47 (Medical \$12,767.96 & Pharmacy \$42,555.51) and October 19, 2020, in the amount of \$13,484.47 (Medical \$13,484.47). Claim total of \$68,807.94. Motion carried.

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

Workman's Compensation

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of paying out of the regular claim cycle the claim to Eastern Alliance Insurance Company (Workman's Comp), in the amount of \$273.32. Motion carried.

Weights and Measures Report

The report from Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, was submitted for the period September 16, 2020 to October 15, 2020 stating there had been 68 inspections, with 67 correct and 1 rejected. Tabled until next week, there needs to be an explanation on the rejection.

Public Notice – City of Berne

The County Commissioners were informed of a public notice for The Common Council of the City of Berne on October 26, 2020 at 6:40 P.M. at Berne City Hall, 158 West Franklin Street, Berne, Indiana concerning Resolution #2020-10-1 and Resolution #2020-10-2, declaring and Economic Revitalization Area & granting tax deductions for redevelopment property to Hyet Properties LLC and new manufacturing equipment to O& R Precision Grinding, Inc. Property being owned by MAFCO Leasing Inc.

COVID-19

Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, updated the board on the COVID-19 finances. There is one final request in the amount of \$436,513.12 to collect all of the \$1,156,166.00 that was allocated to Adams County. This final request is for reimbursement of jailers pay that will end up reimbursing County General.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the CARES request of \$436,513.12 and to approve the update. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, not in attendance.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MVH/Local Road & Street

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, 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 Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the October 2020 MVH and Local Road & Street report into record. Motion carried.

Department

Mr. Yoder reported the cement pad is done for the new building. This is the last week for mowing. Berming is being put on hold at this time due to the rain this week.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Complex Building

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, stated filters and handlers have been changed out, this is the third time this year usually only twice but due to Covid-19 he did it three times. Air conditioning units have been flushed in the complex.

Mr. Burkhalter is working closely with IT on the server room that needs better air to keep it at the correct temperature. Commissioner Bauman asked if there has been any feedback on the generator? Mr. Burkhalter stated yes there has been but we need to have another meeting on it. Commissioner Moore submitted two quotes for approval to move forward in this project; B Secure Alarm Systems, Inc. in the total of \$1,313.21 and Joe H. Construction in the total of \$17,011.00 (labor & materials), add \$1,200.00 (black vinyl covered chain link fence) or add \$750.00 (barb wire to top of fence).

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, approval to do the pad and fence and ordering of one air conditioning and installation. Motion carried

IN RE: Sheriff

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, presented new job descriptions for the jail commander & assistant jail commander, jail sergeants and corporals. He will not be changing the pay scale just adding in about promotions. Commissioner Bauman asked once these new job descriptions are approved are you waiting on something on your end? Sheriff Mawhorr, stated no they are just doing some housekeeping on his end. The Commissioners instructed Sheriff Mawhorr to be added on the agenda for next week to come back on the job descriptions so that they may have time to look them over.

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr also made the board aware he is losing a veteran dispatcher to Allen County for SPCA for dog catcher, in which no 911 first responder calls will be dispatched. They will make \$4.00 more an hour than here. He does have this position posted for only in house right now.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Monthly Report

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the September 2020 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 29 residents at the home. The report shows \$31,829.94 was received in room and board funds. There were no new admissions and no discharges and currently housing 18 males and 11 females at the home.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for September 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Application for Admission

Kris Nichols, Golden Meadows Home Administrator, submitted an application for admission of an out of county male.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the admittance of an out of county male based on the recommendation of Kris Nichols. Motion carried.

Golden Meadows will have no male beds after this admission. Two males are going to be moving to nursing home care in the near future. Ms. Nichols always makes sure there is an empty bed in case of in county emergency.

Commissioner Bauman asked Ms. Nichols as you move forward to 2021 look even 5 years ahead to identify major expenses that may come up. This will be helpful for new commissioners. She stated the most urgent is a new kitchen island, the current one has been there since 1997-1999.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

Megan Fawbush, Assistant Plan Director, presented the following subdivision for approval:

1 lot subdivision known as the Ervin L.B. Schwartz Subdivision, located North of Highway 124 on CR 700 W / Section 33 / Kirkland Township.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Ervin L.B. Schwartz Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney, Nate Reinking, nothing from Mark Burry.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for October 20, 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