

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Commissioner, Rex Moore was present via Microsoft Teams. Absent was 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 October 27, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding request for November 2, 2020, in the amount of \$25,404.65 (Medical \$25,434.65 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Stale Date Check Credit \$30.00). Motion carried.

Adams County received a refund check in the amount of \$52,042.54 representing our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) rebate share for first quarter 2020. The refund was deposited into the Health Insurance Fund.

**Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report**

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept into the record the September 2020 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

**Wheel Tax Quarterly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the quarterly report for 3rd quarter 2020 for wheel tax & surtax. Motion carried.

**Animal Shelter**

Commissioner Bauman received a letter from Charlie & Carol Bowers thanking them for the opportunity to operate the Adams County Animal Shelter for the past 24 years. They decided to retire effective June 30, 2021. The commissioners said they did an excellent job.

**Weights & Measures**

Commissioner Bauman received a letter from Larry Weaver and he will be retiring on December 31, 2020.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, requested the bid for \$23,850.00 from Precise Pile Driving, Inc. Fort Recovery, OH to replace culvert C-409 located on 450 W and 500 W be approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the bid from Precise Pile Driving, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fruechte asked Mr. Barkey where are we at on Mud Road. Mr. Barkey said they are waiting on legal descriptions from Miller Land Surveying.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, introduced the new Assistant Superintendent, Paul Zerby to the Commissioners.

Mr. Yoder said the cement is poured for the new building.

**Department**

Mr. Yoder reported his department is trimming trees and filling holes. They are also checking over all of the trucks getting them ready for winter.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the crew is working on the A/C project for the IT Server Room. They are drilling holes in the walls.

Fritz Bultemeyer contacted Mr. Burkhalter and they had the Peace Monument power washed.

Mr. Burkhalter said he has a form for one brick to be engraved. He said this should be done soon.

IN RE: SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

Eric Heshner & Doug Ahlfeld, from Renewable Energy Systems, presented drawings on their energy savings project. This was at a no cost to the county. The Commissioners are in favor of this project but County Council wants a financial study done. Mr. Burry contacted Baker and Tilly. The County Council would have to approve for the county to pay for the study before we can move forward. If they approve the study, then it should take two weeks to complete the study and then would need to go back to County Council in December.

The solar field at the jail would be about 2.5 acres and would not affect any future jail expansion.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, received the settlement documentation with CenturyLink. There was damage done in a right-of-way and agreed to pay \$1,672.00. If we agree to this and sign it, then they will send us a check.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to sign the settlement document with CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Mr. Burry received the health insurance benefit plans. He said if the county did not have a big reserve then they would recommend increasing the employee contributions by 7 or 8%. They recommended keeping the rates the same for 2021. They did a study to add Parkview as another option. The cost would be the same as the Lutheran Preferred rates.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the 2021 Health Insurance monthly rates to stay the same as 2020. Motion carried.

Mr. Burry said we need to establish the cobra rate. The employee pays this rate for up to 18 months. It is the max claim liability rate plus 2%.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the 2021 Cobra rates for up to 18 months and is at the max claim liability rate plus 2%. Motion carried.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to add Parkview to our plan as an option and the rates would cost the same as Lutheran preferred. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for November 4, 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