

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met December 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Rex Moore, and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Absent was County Auditor, Mary Beery as she was in the County Council Meeting.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for December 1, 2020. 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 \$316,627.59 for the pay period ending November 27, 2020. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$915,577.34 to be paid December 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Animal Shelter

The Adams County Commissioners accepted into the record, the following reports from Animal Shelter Directors, Charlie and Carol Bowers. The November 2020 report states that they had sheltered two dogs and five cats with two being claimed and zero adoptions. Zero animals were euthanized and the Animal Shelter is currently housing five animals. There was \$40.00 received into the County General fund.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the Animal Shelter report for November 2020 into the record. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding request for December 7, 2020, in the amount of \$892.86 (Medical \$6,590.44 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Recovered Refund \$5,697.58). Motion carried.

Election Official's Bond

The public official bond from Western Surety Company for Assessor, Mary Beery, was submitted for approval, in the amount of \$15,000.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the public official bond from Western Surety Company, in the amount of \$15,000, for Assessor, Mary Beery. Motion carried.

Working from Home COVID Plans

The following plans for working from home due to the current COVID pandemic were submitted for approval:

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by the Health Clinic. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by Health Department. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by Probation. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by Soil and Water. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by the Public Defender. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the COVID plan submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried.

Nepotism Policy

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte for all the Commissioners to sign the Nepotism Policy for being in compliance. Motion carried.

County Farm

Craig Fruechte turned in a claim in the amount of \$6,134.10 for Lime that he purchased for spreading on the County Farm. In the contract it states that the county pays for lime the first year and then the farmer pays for the rest.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman to approve the claim from Craig Fruechte in the amount of \$6,134.10. Kim Fruechte Abstained.

Golden Meadows

Rex Moore reported Golden Meadows would like to purchase the island from Universal. County Attorney, Mark Burry said they would need a written proposal for labor and materials to present it to the Commissioners for approval.

Office Closing

Commissioner Fruechte reported, Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg, asked permission to close the office down for 1 ½ hours either Tuesday December 15th or the 22nd to take his staff out to lunch.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of closing the Treasurer's Office on December 15th or 22nd for 1 ½ hours. Motion carried.

IN RE:

COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented the completed agreement from Butler, Fairman & Seufert for the bridge scour protections on Bridges B-150, B-152 & B-501. Mr. Barkey gave them the go ahead to proceed.

Mr. Barkey reported that Miller Land Surveying finished the right-of-ways on Mud Road (800 N) and gave them to County Attorney, Mark Burry. There are five parcels for acquirement for the right-of way acquisition. Mr. Barkey said the next step is for the county attorney to proceed. Once all the owners have approved, they will be ready to take bids for construction. This project should be completed in 2021. Highway has the funding.

Mr. Barkey said at next Tuesday meeting, the annual bids will be opened.

South Adams Trail

Mr. Barkey reported the second bridge is being reassembled and will be placed the week of December 14. The deck will need to be done and painted. The approaches were included in the costs.

IN RE:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter said they are pouring the fence barriers this week for the AC unit. The fence should be installed before the first of the year. Judd should be done with the AC hook ups soon.

Mr. Burkhalter replaced the water filters in the Complex Building.

Mr. Burkhalter said Havel's current contract expires on December 31, 2020. This is for the maintenance on the air conditioners. Mr. Burkhalter presented the new proposal for next year. He is waiting from Judd to get his proposal in writing. He said his proposal should be about half of what Havel's contract is. Havel's 2021 contract would increase by 3% and is for 3 years and they added some COVID verbiage. Mr. Burkhalter feels that we do not get this amount of service per year from Havel. He also feels the software needs to be updated as it is 8 years old. We have two options; stay with what we have now with the 3% increase or have Judd do the maintenance on the boilers and chillers with Havel doing the upgrade of the software. The commissioners decided to wait on a decision until they get Judd's proposal and bring it back to the Commissioners.

IN RE:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**Department**

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder reported his department is berming Winchester road. They are continuing getting equipment ready for the winter.

Permit & Application for Permit

Mr. Yoder presented the following two permits from NIPSCO to install gas service to two residential homes. The first one is located on 000 Road between 850 N and 900 N. The second is located on 900 N between 000 Road and 100 E. Mr. Yoder said this work has already been completed. He said there is a new person with NIPSCO and did not do the permit approval step. They notified the Highway Department with the permit applications and apologized.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the above two completed permits from NIPSCO. Motion carried.

IN RE:

SURVEYOR

Surveyor, Paul Norr, met with the Commissioners to reclassify a position in his office. The commissioners recommend he submit the new job description to the Wage Appeals Committee.

IN RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS COUNCIL
 Substance Abuse Awareness Coordinator, Kelly Sickafoose submitted the following award agreement for approval:

Drug Free Adams County
FY 2021

Total Amount Available:	\$66,000.00
25% minimum in Justice, Prevention, and Intervention:	\$16,500.00
Amount that can be moved from Administrative into other categories:	\$7,016.00

PREVENTION:			
AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	2021 AMOUNT REQUESTED	2021 AMOUNT APPROVED
North Adams Community Schools	Random Drug Testing and Drug Education Program Alive & Well Education program	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
McMillen Health	Drug & Alcohol Prevention/Education programs	\$3,313.46	\$3,313.46
TOTAL		\$8,313.46	\$8,313.46

CRIMINAL JUSTICE:			
AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	2021 AMOUNT REQUESTED	2021 AMOUNT APPROVED
Adams Superior Court	Drug Court compliance officer, drug testing supplies, incentives	\$5,258.62	\$5,258.62
Geneva Police Department	Body Cams	\$10,550.00	\$4,283.00
Adams/Wells Drug Task Force	Covert Equipment, searches, field test kits	\$6,570.00	\$6,570.00
Decatur Police Department	Mobile Drug ID Kits & Digital Cameras	\$1,465.90	\$1,465.90
TOTAL		\$23,844.52	\$17,577.52

INTERVENTION:			
AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	2021 AMOUNT REQUESTED	2021 AMOUNT APPROVED
Drug Free Adams County	Treatment Scholarships	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
TOTAL		\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00

ADMINISTRATIVE:			
AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	2021 AMOUNT REQUESTED	2021 AMOUNT APPROVED
Drug Free Adams County	Executive Director Compensation	\$6,825.00	\$6,825.00
	Directors and Officers Insurance	\$1,036.00	\$1,036.00
	Regional Annual Meeting	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Administrative Support	\$920.00	\$0.00
	Website Updates	\$540.00	\$540.00
	Office Supplies/Ink	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Community Outreach	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Go Daddy & domain name for Website	\$283.00	\$283.00
TOTAL		\$10,404.00	\$9,484.00

Grand Total Requested		\$59,061.98	
Grand Total Awarded		\$51,874.98	
Remaining			\$14,125.02

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the Drug Free Adams County 2020 budget. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY
 County Attorney, Mark Burry, had nothing to present.

IN RE: ADJOURN
 Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for December 8, 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