

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 17, 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 County Auditor, Mary Beery.

*Rex Moore MB. RMU*

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for November 10, 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 November 16, 2020, in the amount of \$11,599.33 (Medical \$11,599.33 & Pharmacy \$0.00). Motion carried.

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

**Weights and Measures Report**

The report from Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, was submitted for the period October 16, 2020 to November 15, 2020 stating there had been 26 inspections, with 26 correct and 0 rejected. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the report of weights and measures. Motion carried.

**Working from Home**

Auditor, Mary Beery, informed the board that she has another employee in her office that has a child that has been tested and cannot attend school. She requested approval for this employee to work from home. The Commissioners agreed to the request.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on 600 E and 150 S where the road goes through a wooded area. They are requesting to vacate the narrow segment of road. The issue began under the prior administration but was not completed. Tim prepared a letter which was approved by Mark Burry. Mr. Barkey will mail the letter to the seven landowners affected. The Commissioners do not normally vacate unless they have 100% approval from landowners. If vacated, a cul-de-sac will have to be constructed for school buses and turnarounds. The Highway Department would maintain the area to the cul-de-sac. A public hearing would have to be held but the Commissioners could approve to vacate if they felt it was in the best interest of the public.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the letter after adding that the information must be returned by December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

**South Adams Trails**

The bridge has been set and is a very unique structure. It looks good sitting on its piers. The board thanked Tim for his work on the trails project.

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 November 2020 MVH and Local Road & Street report into record. Motion carried.

**Department**

Mr. Yoder reported his department is grading and cleaning trees from the roads due to the wind on Sunday. He thanked landowners, homeowners, and the police who responded and helped to clean up the roads.

Mr. Yoder is looking to replace equipment for 2021. They no longer can find parts to fix the pay loader. He would like to purchase a used one. Brad thanked those who have helped him during the learning process.

Commissioner Fruechte shared a letter from Rex Marbach. The letter says the County owns property in an area where work was done. Mr. Marbach submitted a bill to the department and the department refused to pay the bill. The project was completed without letting the department know until the project was finished. Kim will contact him and let him know that we are not paying, as we had no input into the project.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the server room is up and the air conditioner is working.

Mr. Burkhalter discussed the new Havel maintenance agreement for the Service Complex. The contract is for three years for \$11,316 per year. He does not feel that we get our monies worth. The County purchases the materials (belts & filters). Havel has expertise in the software and running the system. Myers Plumbing is willing to come down and service the system. The current contract expires at the end of this year.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

**Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the October 2020 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 28 residents at the home. The report shows \$34,622 was received in room and board funds.

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

**Permission to Hire**

Mrs. Nichols asked for permission to hire two employees to replace the full-time CNA's that have moved on.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded Rex Moore, for approval to fill the two full-time positions. Motion carried.

IN RE: E-911

Barry Ritter, Public Safety Consulting, updated the board on the project 911 center. The board hired Barry to encourage the other cities and towns to help share expenses in the E-911 Center. The project was put on hold for the past 12 months and not doing much with gathered data due to COVID. Mr. Ritter submitted a draft letter for approval. The department is administrative and they dispatch calls for county, cities and towns. They handle items for probation, warrants, and the prosecuting attorney. All of these efforts will be in the report. In the coming weeks, he will be meeting with the entities for them to consider the request for the 2022 budget. This will have to be a team effort for the residents to receive the services that they have become accustomed to. There is not a guideline on how the cost share will happen. We are providing services that are above the legal mandate. Capital equipment is also an expense and technology frequently needs to be replaced or upgraded. Barry has communicated with the sheriff on this project.

Monroe was not involved, as it was not listed in the original scope of work. They do not have a Marshall and the Sheriff's Department is covering the town.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, reported Kimley Horn did technical and survey work. They are proposing to do the engineering to do specifications and put out to bid. The cost of the second phase of the project is \$27,600.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve assuming there is an appropriation of funds in place. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for November 17, 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