

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Kim Fruechte, and Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry and County Auditor, Mary Beery.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for January 8, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for January 14, 2019, in the amount of \$44,478.54 (Medical \$2,904.18 & Pharmacy \$41,574.36). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the February 2019 consulting fee with Shafley Plan Management in the amount of \$2,916.67. 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 January 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$44,303.58; PPO fees \$1,008.75; admin fees \$2,511.68; and November RC ID fee \$12.50; for a premium total of \$47,836.51. Motion carried.

**Employee Compensation**

Auditor, Mary Beery, submitted for signature the annual report of compensation paid to all officers, deputies and employees of Adams County who worked during the 2018 calendar year.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of signing the annual report of compensation paid to all officers, deputies and employees of Adams County who worked during the 2018 calendar year. Motion carried.

**Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the December 2018 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

**Plan Endorsement**

The plan endorsements for the PPO networks of Lutheran Preferred and Three River's Preferred was submitted for signature. The documents are exactly the same except for the different PPO Networks. Parkview's network is an option if there is not a network option available in our PPO Networks or if the member made a case where they needed to use a Parkview provider as an exception. If a Parkview provider was approved in these cases, we would find alternative PPO discounting and allow it at the plans in-network level of benefits. Beginning January 1, 2019 the benefits are the same but the discounts might be greater.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve and sign the plan endorsements. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the statement of benefits. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Covered Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented an agreement from USI Consultants to inspect and generate a report for the covered bridge. Mark Burry asked that two paragraphs be stricken from the agreement and they have agreed. The cost to inspect and generate a report for recommendations for repairs is \$3,500. The covered bridge has not been inspected since it was renovated six years ago. The cost will be paid out of the covered bridge account.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to accept Tim Barkey's recommendation and approve the agreement from USI Consultants, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

**Vehicle**

Mr. Barkey asked for preapproval of a claim, in the amount of \$15, for the title and plate on the new truck.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to preapprove the claim for \$15 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

**Conference**

Mr. Barkey will be leaving for the land surveyor's conference today and it is held at French Lick.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Boring and Overhead Permits and Installation Agreements**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, submitted the following boring and/or overhead permits and installation agreements for approval;

**CenturyLink** Located on county road 500 E between 300 S and Pleasant Mills.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**CenturyLink** Located on county road 200 N between 100 W and Highway 27

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**I & M** Located on county road 550 N between 400 E and State Road 101

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**I & M** Located on county road 300 S between US 27 and 000

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**Electricom** Located on county road 700 E beginning on 700 N to Harrison Center Road

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

**Electricom** Located on county road 700 N between roads 700 E to 300 E

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the permit and installation agreements from CenturyLink. Motion carried.

Mr. Caffee brought up a discussion on the possibility of county surveyor's tile located at these locations. He questioned whether a variance is needed.

Attorney Burry stated the county might need to include additional provisions in right-of-way agreements. He added the highway department does not have the authority to deny them access, all we can do is regulate it. The county's right-of-way is trumped by state law due to interstate commerce.

Mr. Caffee suggested Betsy, at the highway department, and Jacqui, at the surveyor's office, come up with a solution to streamline the process. The board agreed that Mr. Caffee get with the people involved and come up with a process and present it to the Commissioners at a future date for approval.

### **Roads**

Last Friday, the crew salted and sanded intersections and worked Sunday from 7 to 2. Yesterday, the crew went out to touch up the roads.

The policy in the department is to not send out the crew if it is too foggy. Fog came in from the south and the driver could not see and caused a wreck. The vehicle was broadsided coming from the south heading north. The new truck received frame damage and will be out of commission for the rest of the season. The employee suffered knee and back pain and has been drug tested but the results have not been given. One of the passengers in the other vehicle was sent to Lutheran Hospital. The department currently has one truck to be used for backup.

Today the crew is out salting and sanding intersections.

Mr. Caffee informed the board that some residents have been shoveling snow out into the center of the roads. He explained that hitting the snow causes a jolt and could cause serious accidents as it is like hitting a big rock. Mr. Caffee reminded everyone to please yield to snowplows as the vision of the driver is not clear.

IN RE:

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE

#### **Courthouse**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the flooring is in the men's bathroom, and Kiess Electric is doing the electrical. The water heater broke and will be repaired.

#### **Service Complex**

The new office for the Public Defender is on schedule.

Last week, there was an incident of a gas smell in the building. We were informed that it must be stored in a cabinet. Mr. Stimpson will purchase the necessary storage for approximately \$700.

He thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for cleaning the county parking lots.

#### **Superior Court**

Central Indiana Hardware did a temporary fix on the entry doors at Superior Court. The washers are shot and he hopes this will last through the winter.

IN RE:

### GOLDEN MEADOWS

#### **Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the December 2018 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 32 residents at Golden Meadows. The report shows \$35,317.92 was received in room and board funds. There were no admissions or discharges and there are currently 20 males and 12 females at the home. Costs are approximately \$33 per day for each resident at the home. All agreed the home is the cheapest alternative on housing people who cannot take care of themselves. The home is reimbursed half of their budget through ARCH and Social Security.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for December 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE:

### BUILDING & PLANNING

#### **Subdivision**

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

One lot subdivision known as the Thomas N. Girod Subdivision, located County Road 700 S east of 75 E and in Section 3 of Wabash Township.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the Thomas N. Girod Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Attorney, Mark Burry, presented a contract with SRI to provide services for sheriff's sales. The sheriff charges a service fee of \$200 and SRI will receive \$100. This agreement will free up the deputy to spend time on administrative and sheriff's work instead of putting the sale together.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of entering in a contract with SRI to perform sheriff's sales. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2019-01**

Ordinance 2019-1, an ordinance to establish the sheriff's sale program and service fee was presented for adoption.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Ordinance 2019-1. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the sheriff sale program agreement.

Motion carried.

IN RE: SURVEYOR

County Surveyor, Paul Norr, requested permission to take the truck that his crew has utilized in the past and the Highway Department plans to trade-in. Attorney Burry stated government entities can swap vehicles if necessary.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to approve the transfer of the 1997 L9000 Ford triaxle truck to be used by the Surveyor's department, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for January 15, 2019 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Mary B. Beery  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor *MB*

Kim A. Fruechte  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore  
Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman

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