

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 12, 2019 at 11:00 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 Doug Bauman, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 5, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the January 2019 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept into record the January 2019 report from the Treasurer of Adams County. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of payment for the Health Insurance Allied Benefits Administrative Service and claims for February 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$44,578.27; PPO fees \$1,020.75; admin fees \$2,541.76; abs annual fee \$7,500.00; annual bank fee \$3,000.00; and medical renew credit adjustment of \$496.44; for a premium total of \$58,144.34. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for February 11, 2019, in the amount of \$19,259.92 (Medical \$19,007.21 & Pharmacy \$18,327.96 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$18,075.25). Motion carried.

There is currently \$333,383.15 in the checking account and \$1,915,606.12 in the reserve account totaling \$2,248,989.27.

**Geneva Chamber of Commerce**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the 2019 membership renewal application for \$75.00. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bauman discussed a claim to Dan Buchan who leases the farm at the Golden Meadows Home. Mr. Buchan did not follow the contract terms of the lease by contacting the Surveyor's Office to get the brush spray for weeds. The board discussed the payment options and the repairs that need to be made due to the suck holes.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to approve paying \$2,000 to Dan Buchan for de-brushing and paying the remaining \$665 after the suck holes are fixed, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the road school agendas are out and he will sign up all interested in attending.

Plans have almost been completed for bridge B-100, located on county road 300 W and 200 S. Bids will be opened on March 19, 2019 at 10 a.m. The project will be over \$150,000 and he will advertise for bids.

The bids for culvert C-89, located on county road 400 E will be opened next Tuesday at 10 a.m.

**South Adams Trails Project**

The bid letting for the second phase of the South Adams Trails Project is March 6<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis. INDOT takes care of all of the bid openings. The completion date is in the latter part of 2020. Bids are opened now so the firm who is awarded the bid(s) can begin working on rehabilitating the bridge over the St. Mary's and Wabash Rivers. The US 27 project should be completed this November. South Adams Trails are receiving a grant from the Northeastern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented a report on the operations of his department.

He submitted a detailed report of the 2018 wheel tax and surtax which revenues are used on materials only.

Last Wednesday, NIPSCO held a training class and 9 employees including Dick Beard and Lonnie Caffee were involved in the training.

There was an accident due to fog and the frame of the truck was bent and will take a good month for repairs.

Due to the bad weather, the crew began work at 6 a.m. yesterday. Mr. Caffee did not feel the snowfall warranted the department working on Sunday. The crew cleaned roads and salted and sanded them. Mr. Caffee was called out last night due to a wreck and had to put road signs out.

Mr. Caffee stated in the event of bad snow it is very problematic having an employee sitting at the different public safety departments. He is trying to decide how many hours employees should be working back to back. The State road department is not allowed to have any employees out longer than 16 hours. He is waiting on feedback from the State. Mr. Caffee would recommend not plowing at night because the vision is at 50% as compared to the daytime.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the Decatur Parks Department has been a great help in maintaining the parking lots and entryways to county facilities. Adams County pays for the salt and they put it down.

**Service Complex**

The electrician will do the wiring, install plugs and outlets in the Public Defender’s office on Friday.

**Superior Court**

They are working on the door locks at Superior Court.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

**Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the January 2019 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 32 residents at Golden Meadows. The report shows \$33,340.21 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 with one on the waiting list. ARCH funds support 25% of the facility and the rest with Social Security, self-pay, and Medicaid.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for January 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Monthly Report**

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, presented the monthly report for January 2019 showing that there had been:

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	1	\$12,000
Unattached Buildings	6	\$391,600
Agricultural Buildings	4	\$148,000
Addition to Commercial	1	\$75,000
New Electrical Service	1	\$24,500
Remodels	1	\$1,500
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total dollar value \$652,600</b>

The report shows a decrease in the estimated building costs as compared to 2018.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the monthly report for January 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

**South Adams Trails – DNR Letter**

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented for signature a letter regarding Adams County’s commitment to acquire permanent right-of-way. This will be in connection with the Next Level Trails Grant Application being compiled by South Adams Trails, Inc. The letter on commitment must be turned in by the 15<sup>th</sup> to Randy Lehman, Chairman of South Adams Trails, Inc.

**Ordinance 2019-4 - Public Records Request Policy**

Ordinance 2019-4, an ordinance of the Adams County Board of Commissioners, State of Indiana, establishing the policy and procedures for Adams County’s governmental entities to respond to requests made for public records submitted to Adams County, State of Indiana, was introduced.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to introduce Ordinance 2019-4 and table for future approval, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for February 12, 2019 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