

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 26, 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 Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 19, 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 February 18, 2019. Adams County experienced a credit of \$2,266.59 which will be applied to the next billing (Medical \$19,064.20 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$21,330.79) and for Allied Health Insurance funding request for February 25, 2019, in the amount of \$53,238.84 (Medical \$97,117.92 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Carryover Credit \$2,266.59 & Void EFT 1925 \$41,612.49). 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 March 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium 44,578.27; PPO fees \$1,020.75; admin fees \$2,541.76; January RC ID fee of \$15.00 for a premium total of \$48,155.78. Motion carried.

There is currently \$285,723.71 in the checking account and \$1,915,606.12 in the reserve account totaling \$2,201,329.83.

**Workman's Compensation**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of paying out of the regular claim cycle the claim to Eastern Alliance Insurance Company (Workman's Comp), in the amount of \$980.13. Motion carried.

The Workers Compensation Proposal Deductible Plan document with Eastern Alliance Insurance Group was submitted for signature. The plan is effective February 9, 2019 through February 9, 2020. Doug Nelson, of Bixler Insurance was in attendance to answer any questions as he is the agent for Adams County. The pricing is contingent on payroll and the premium is estimated on payroll. Sheriff Reserves were added in 2018 are covered for medical and lost wages.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the claim for \$80,156.00 and the quote and continue coverage with Bixler's Insurance for the Workers Compensation Proposal Deductible Plan document with Eastern Alliance Insurance Group. Motion carried.

**Town of Geneva Planning Assistance Agreement**

The 2019 planning assistance agreement between Adams County and the Town of Geneva, in the amount of \$1,200, was submitted for approval.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of signing the 2019 planning assistance agreement between Adams County and the Town of Geneva. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission for Veteran Service Officer, Ron Bollenbacher, to attend the Veteran Service Conference (CVSO training) in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 10 – 12, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the arithmetic was in order on the bids that were opened last week for the replacement of small structure culvert C-089, located on county road 400 E just south of Piqua Road. Fleming Excavating submitted a letter to the Commissioners asking that their bid be withdrawn due to a large error in calculation by misplacing a decimal. Attorney Burry stated it is the decision of the board to withdraw adding the project did not require a bid bond which could change the outcome.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to withdraw the bid from Fleming Excavating, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey recommended awarding the bid to A. Landon Excavating for \$114,598.00.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of A. Landon Excavating for the replacement of small structure culvert C-089. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey submitted the contract, performance bond, e-verify affidavit, and certificate of insurance for Wayne Asphalt. They were approved for Contract A (\$499,590) when the highway department opened bids for paving projects.

**Contract A**

½ mile of road located on county road 400 E from 550 N to 600 N

1 mile of road located on county road 700 E (Stateline Road) from US 224 to Harrison Road

4 ½ miles of road located on county road 400 W from US 224 to Winchester Road.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to approve signing the contract with Wayne Asphalt, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey submitted the contract, performance bond, e-verify affidavit, and certificate of insurance for Brooks Construction. They were approved for Contract B (\$763,812) when the highway department opened bids for paving projects.

**Contract B**

County road 900 S from 000 to 400 E

County road 350 E from State Road 218 south to 700 S

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to approve signing the contract with Brooks Construction t, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey reported he will not be in attendance at next week’s meeting.

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;

Company	Location	Township	Boring
Century Link	500 E - SR124 - 300 S	Blue Creek	X
Century Link	300 S – 500 E - 650 E 650 E – 300 S – 400 S	Blue Creek	X
Century Link	200 N - 250 E - SALEM RD 300 E – 200 N & SALEM RD	St. Mary’s	X
Century Link	100 S between 600 E to Salem Road SALEM RD – 100 S – 200 S	Blue Creek	X

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the boring permit from Century Link.

Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the boring permit from NIPSCO. Motion

carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the boring permit from Century Link.

Motion carried.

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**Community Crossing Grant**

They should receive word on the Community Crossings grant around March 15, 2019.

**Buggy Plates**

Buggy plates can be acquired from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15, 2019.

**Department**

There was a power outage last week and when the power came back on it caused power surge which knocked out the transformer on the fuel tanks.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Superior Court**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported some shingles have blown off of the roof at Superior Court. He has spoken with Joe H. Construction on repairing when the weather is warmer.

**General Information**

Mr. Stimpson asked the county attorney to advise him on one of the suppliers. They are not bringing supplies but charging for them and they are not having invoices signed by Mr. Stimpson.

IN RE: TREASURER

County Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg, discussed the possibility of collecting monthly payments on the tax bills. This would involve taking money out of their escrow account on a monthly basis.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, approval to work with County Attorney, Mark Burry, on the feasibility of withdrawing money out of the individuals accounts to pay property taxes and report back to the Commissioners, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

The DLGF is requiring all tax bills to look the same throughout the State of Indiana.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall, and Environmentalist, Nathan Scherer, updated the board on the Oakridge Estates. Jessica reached out to the state health department and they have not begun enforcing. The State department completed an inspection in February which was much approved but still needs improvement. The issue of dead trees in proximity of the unit needs to be addressed. IDEM has agreed and have orders out for waste and drinking water. Violations date back to 2016 with no response to date. There is no title and no one is taking responsibility for the unit. After discussion, the board

agreed contacting the City of Decatur and possibly following the same process they followed removing units at Cottonwood.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

**Ordinance 2019-2 Intensive Livestock Operations**

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented Ordinance 2019-2, an Ordinance of the Adams County Board of Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Indiana, establishing ordinance to regulate intensive livestock operations located in the County of Adams, State of Indiana for adoption. Said ordinance was introduced in January.

Soil and Water Conservationist, Sandy Voglewede; County Surveyor, Paul Norr; Building & Plan Commission Director, Mark Wynn; Regional Sewer District Director, Barry Scherer; County Plan Commission Board Members, Richard Rhoades, Paul Rumble, and Brad Kohlhagen; Building and Plan Commission Attorney, Stacy Somers; Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall; and Environmentalist, Nathan Scherer, were all present.

Attorney, Mark Burry, stated the ordinance has some changes recommended by the Plan Commission and contains substantial changes from the existing. The state chemist office has recommended we seek a waiver process by design per statute. Give us the duties to deal with the unregulated operations by giving us enforcement and regulation privileges. We need local permit to keep track of head counts. We do not want to adopt an ordinance that we cannot enforce. The ordinance does not address everything that the Plan Commission would like to impose but it includes what we can impose. The Plan Commission has approved the ordinance and ask that the Commissioners approve the red lined amended version.

Plan Commission Attorney, Stacy Somers, stated under statute certain areas of livestock operations are reserved to the state chemist. If a waiver is passed we would waiver to do some of the tasks performed by the state chemist. We need to regulate the unregulated producers.

Commissioner Bauman wanted it to be noted that some who follow under IDEM numbers are doing a fantastic job.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Ordinance 2019-2. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

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

Two lot subdivision known as the Replat of Lot 4 Glen Mosser Subdivision, located 1/8 mile west of the corner of County Roads 950 S and US Highway 27 in Section 20 of Wabash Township.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Replat of Lot 4 Glen Mosser Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for February 26, 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, Chairman

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