

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Commissioner, Doug Bauman, was absent.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 26, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$289,546.02 for the pay period ending February 26, 2019. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$189,424.64 for the period 2/7/2019 to 2/20/2019. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for March 4, 2019, in the amount of \$41,951.24 (Medical \$58,963.52 & Pharmacy \$32,820.92 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$49,833.20). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Claims

Commissioner, Rex Moore, presented the following claims for approval for the IT Department.

Wired Communications - \$6,600 for the wiring in the Public Defender's office.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the claim to Wired Communications. Motion carried.

A quote for \$2,068 was received from Innovative Concepts for a monitor, installation, and a hanger on wall. A smaller monitor would be less expensive but no price was quoted.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the purchase of a monitor at an amount not to exceed \$2,068. Motion carried.

Mimecast through Electronic Strategies, Inc. – for sync secure email service upgrades to send larger files, in the amount of \$2,765.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve to purchase of Mimecast for \$2,765. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, was absent.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, reported the cold weather is hard on stone roads. These roads throughout the county get potholes and the water freezes which makes it impossible to control potholes. Nothing can be done with high frost levels. He receives a lot of phone calls and if there was something that could be done, they would. The crew put teeth on the graders today and hopefully next week's warmer weather will allow the ice to be removed. It is of no gain to lay stone as it rolls off of the road because it cannot adhere to anything. The roads on the north end of the county are in good shape but the south half the potholes are terrible. The worst reside in three townships. Mr. Caffee will present pictures next week and a financial analysis of the problem. You cannot wedge and level a large amount of roads.

The brush cutter is out in the south half of the county. The department is getting a couple extra flood gates to be put out where water rises and goes across the road. Landowners in some areas help to take care of the gates when they need to be opened or closed. They contact the department to inform them that it was taken care of.

Buggy Plates

Buggy permits will be issued until May 15th

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Service Complex

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the doors are not working at the Service Complex. Wire.net cut a wire which has been fixed but the doors do not operate. CSH will send someone to check into it as they believe it needs to be reprogrammed.

The contractor is installing a window at the Public Defender's office. The carpet has been cleaned and he would like to have Stationair's come in and move the furniture.

IN RE: SAFE IN ADAMS COUNTY

Sandy Brown, Mary Bertsch, and Cindy Thieme with Safe in Adams County, requested permission to place pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn. A celebration of children and families ceremony will be held on April 2, 2019 at 12 p.m. on the Courthouse square or upstairs depending on weather. The celebration lasts for 30 to 45 minutes. The event on the Courthouse steps is to inform and support the prevention of child abuse. April is prevent awareness of child abuse and the pinwheel is used to celebrate children. They will be removed at the end of the month. Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission to plant a pinwheel garden on the Courthouse lawn for the month of April and approve the ceremony on April 3, 2018 at 12 p.m. 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 Caffee's Second Subdivision, located at the northeast corner of County Road 900 S and 300 E and in Section 18 of Jefferson Township.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Caffee's Second Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

Annual Report

The 2018 annual report (on file in the Auditor's Office) was presented showing a receipt total of \$129,990.75 was brought in in 2018. Mr. Wynn stated permit fees in Adams County are comparable to other counties.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the 2018 annual report as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: STAR INSURANCE

Carla Guereca, Todd Jones, and Billy Davenport, of Star Insurance, presented the renewal for the auto, comprehensive, and liability insurance for the county. There is a slight rate increase due to exposure.

The topic of cyber liability coverage was discussed and they will give us the rates when Travelers figures them. There are two ways to look at cyber coverage; third party coverage is when someone got hacked because they were in our system, and ransomware coverage when our system is hacked and the hacker requires a ransom in order for the county to get their data back.

Mr. Jones stated safeguards will help to lower the premiums. Travelers will look at our safeguards and if we are using their programs they will consider lowering.

Ms. Guereca presented the uninsured motorists and the Golden Meadows home policy liability coverage for signature.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve signing the uninsured motorists and the Golden Meadows policy liability coverage. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS**Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the February 2019 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 32 residents at Golden Meadows. The report shows \$34,654.36 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.

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

Application for Admission

Mrs. Nichols reported there was one discharge yesterday and this resident will be placed in a nursing home in Berne. The Bowen Center called her to do an emergency assessment of a 50 year old male Adams County resident. This individual has both physical and medical disabilities. Mrs. Nichols felt he would be a good fit to accept as a resident. He will begin a two month trial assessment and will be moved on if he does not fit.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the admittance of an Adams County male based on recommendation of Kris Nichols. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nichols reported some of the residents have outside jobs. Bowen Center case managers help assist in job placement.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY**Temporary Construction Easement**

County Attorney, Mark Burry, reported a construction easement will be requested at a location owned by Adams County. The project will require a legal description and the easement will need to be approved for the contractor who gets the award. This is county owned property and will be turned over to the county. The Commissioners are agreeable to grant a construction easement.

Old Jail Site

Another appraisal has been ordered for the old jail. There are different options to handle the sale.

1. Adams County can take bids and sell the property for the average of the two appraisals. If the lower bid is accepted the board will have to hold a public hearing to accept the bid.

- 2. Give people an opportunity to submit a bid. During that time the bids are opened and they can raise their bid during that time. If someone raises their bid, the county has to notify all bid submitters that they have been out bid. Bidders may then choose to raise their bid.

Mr. Burry requested guidance on how the board wants to advertise the bid. They need to decide how long they want to receive the bids. People need to be given the opportunity to look at the facility.

Nationwide

Nationwide, retirement benefit vendor for employees, is asking Adams County to consider the options in the Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate Change. An explanation of the options was submitted and as plan administrator the board must take the appropriate actions by March 11, 2019.

- Option One: Crediting Rate
- Option Two: Increased Participant Level Exchange and Transfer Limit
- Option Three: New Investment Option

They are notifying that the rate will decrease over the next few years. The document states if the board does not take action, the participants will be notified so they have the opportunity to change their allocation. Supplemental savings and retirement program for employees.

Mr. Burry advised that Option Two is probably the best option and more flexible.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve Option Two based on the recommendation of County Attorney, Mark Burry. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for March 5, 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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