

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Rex Moore, and Kim Fruechte; 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 April 2, 2019 subject to the following change; under the Extension Office it reads, "She gave a shout out to recognize the great works of the Extension Homemakers," and it should read it was her recommendation to recognize the great works of the Extension Homemakers. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

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

Animal Shelter

The Adams County Commissioners accepted into the record, the March 2019 report from Animal Shelter Directors, Charlie and Carol Bowers. This report states that they had sheltered 7 dogs and 4 cats with 5 being claimed and 5 adoptions. Zero animals were euthanized, and the Animal Shelter is currently housing 1 animal. There was \$100 deposited into county general.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the Animal Shelter report for March 2019 into the record. Motion carried.

Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report

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

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for April 8, 2019, in the amount of \$54,907.96 (Medical \$101,367.09 & Pharmacy \$26,831.22 & Refund \$73,290.35). Motion carried.

There is currently \$233,498.62 in the checking account and \$1,622,577.89 in the reserve account totaling \$1,856,076.51.

Workman's Compensation

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of paying out of the regular claim cycle the claim to Eastern Alliance Insurance Company (Workman's Comp), in the amount of \$35.35. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Bauman reported a notice was received from Indiana Michigan Power. They will be applying herbicides to control woody vegetation and encourage the growth of grasses, ferns, forbs, shrubs, and other native low-growing plants.

The board stated departments need to know the importance of budgets. The board requested the county attorney and council attorney draft a letter to all departments with penalties if budgets are not done on time.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve drafting a letter to all department heads. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented the performance bond, labor and material bond, certificate of insurance, e-verify affidavit, and contract for signature for bridge B-100. Jutte Excavating was awarded the bridge rehabilitation project for \$244,437.60. Mr. Barkey has requested the project to be completed by end of summer.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of signing the contract. Motion carried.

Next week the bids for culvert C-112, located on County road 500 E between 900 S and 1000 S, will be opened. Additional right-of-way needs to be acquired for the bridge B-93 project which is slated for replacement in 2019. The bridge is located on Van Buren Street and 000 in Monroe over the yellow creek. Electrical poles and telephone cables need to be moved and Miller Surveying has completed the survey. Mr. Barkey asked the board to approve the proper steps to complete the right-of-way acquisition of two parcels (0.403 acre and 0.434 acre).

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve moving forward on the right-of-way acquisition. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Mr. Barkey discussed a road project for the Highway Department. The project is located on County road 350 W between Winchester Road and US Highway 27. They are wanting to widen it from 16' to 20' and additional right-of-way will be needed. He has put together a plan on what right-of-way needs to be acquired. The area will be widened 30' along the east side of the section line. The west side will consist of the following recommendations; an additional 30' on the southern 3,093'; an additional 50' on the next 250' which has a very steep incline and will require a lot of fill to get up to

grade; an additional 40' on the remaining 1,223' which they will have to cut into to fill. The gross acreage totals 6.722 acres. Mr. Barkey will get information to Wemhoff Land Surveying and the legal descriptions to Mark Burry.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to proceed with the project. Motion carried.

South Adams Trails

Mr. Barkey presented a revised agreement with the State of Indiana. INDOT has used the latest bid items which were opened in March as a funding mechanism. They have approved \$2,887,792 toward the project for construction and construction inspection which is 80% of the remaining project. South Adams Trails has the 20% match in place. Rural Development has appropriated \$500,000 and the remaining funds are in the bank account and on Adams County's books. The project will be rebid in September but they used the March bids for calculating funding at 80%. Mr. Barkey requested approval to keep the project moving.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to proceed with the project. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bituminous Bids

County Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, recommended the Commissioners to approve the bid from K-Tech for AE-90 and Asphalt Materials for dust control.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the recommendation to accept the bituminous bid from K-Tech and Asphalt Materials. Motion carried.

Roads

AEP has requested to set in overhead power poles on County road 100 S to begin at 600 W through 700 W.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the request from AEP. Motion carried.

Mr. Caffee reported no pipe work has been completed on County road 750 N. There are monies available in his overtime account and he requested they be used on discretionary uses for daily overtime for the pipe crew. The staff would be working on Friday's to complete the work.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the request. Motion carried.

Mr. Caffee asked to hire 2 part-time flaggers during the summer. Said employees would not work during bad weather and must be 18 years of age and licensed to drive a vehicle. The Commissioners and County Attorney suggested a safety training be held.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of hiring 2 part-time flaggers during the summer. Motion carried.

Pipe work could not be completed from 000 to 900 S in 2018 due to the weather. Brooks agreed to back the project up to mid-June. There are 40 pipes in the section of which 19 will be inspected and he is hoping only 15 need to be replaced.

Pavement Solutions will begin crack sealing tomorrow. They are responsible for traffic signage and control.

Mr. Caffee has notified CenturyLink that they will begin mowing and all pedestals need to be marked.

Signups for dust control will begin May 16th.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

General Business

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the shredding of confidential documents has tentatively been scheduled for June 21, 2019. All departments have been notified by email.

Service Complex

They are sanding and hope to begin painting the new IT office.

Courthouse

Mr. Stimpson has ordered two new flags for the Courthouse.

IN RE: AMERICAN LEGION

Commissioner Moore was the spokesman for the American Legion Post #43. They are requesting permission to use the Peace Monument on the Courthouse lawn for the Memorial Day celebration on May 27th starting at 11 a.m.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the request to us the Peace Monument on the Courthouse lawn for the Memorial Day celebration on May 27th. Motion carried.

IN RE: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

James Compton and Wes Kuntzman, representatives of the Decatur Ministry Association, requested using the Courthouse lawn for a National Day of Prayer. The service is to be held on May 2, 2019 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn for a National Day of Pray on May 3, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

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

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	2	\$175,000

Residential Additions	3	\$135,000
Unattached Buildings	12	\$224,000
Addition to Unattached Buildings	7	\$197,000
Agricultural Buildings	4	\$208,000
Pools	1	\$48,705
Decks	3	\$26,000
Schools (Amish)	1	\$80,000
Addition to Commercial	1	\$46,743
Electrical Upgrade	3	\$10,078
Remodels	1	\$5,000
Total Permits	38	Total dollar value \$1,155,526

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 March 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Monthly Report

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the March 2019 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 31 residents at Golden Meadows. The report shows \$32,926.37 was received in room and board funds with one admissions and one discharge.

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

Permission to Hire

Mrs. Nichols requested permission to replace a full-time nursing assistant position with a part-time person. This will eliminate a part-time position.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission to move a part-time person into a full-time nursing assistant position. Motion carried

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, met with the board to request permission to hire an additional full-time dispatcher. Commissioner Bauman stated the Commissioners have the authority over E911 and they are concerned with the dwindling funds. Sheriff Mawhorr responded funds are not dwindling since they have taxed the cell phones. Sheriff Mawhorr will continue trying to get the cities and towns on board for helping with costs for E911 service.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission to hire an additional full-time dispatcher. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mawhorr reported \$32,000 is received for the housing of 20 Federal detainees.

A monthly lease agreement for \$1,375 was submitted for the south tower across from Trees in Berne. The sum of \$16,500 is due for the first year. The Commissioners questioned if it will help with dead spots and can cell phone companies put something on top of the tower. The board asked Mr. Burry if he was comfortable with the lease.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the lease agreement. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented for signature the 2019 stop loss agreement application with Gerber life.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the stop loss agreement with Gerber Life. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for April 9, 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
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