

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 23, 2019 at 10:00 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 16, 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 April 22, 2019, in the amount of \$49,723.52 (Medical \$12,500.46 & Pharmacy \$37,223.06). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the May 2019 consulting fee with Shafley Plan Management in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion carried.

Wheel Tax Quarterly Report

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the quarterly report for 1st quarter 2019 for wheel tax & surtax. Motion carried.

Weights and Measures Report

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the report by Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, for the period March 16, 2019 to April 15, 2019 stating there had been 40 inspections, with 40 correct and 0 rejected. 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-112, located on County road 550 E between 900 S and 1000 S. Mr. Barkey recommended awarding the bid to VTF Excavation for \$48,802.25. The project should be completed mid-summer.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of VTF Excavation for the replacement of small structure culvert C-112. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MVH/Local Road & Street

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented the monthly MVH and Local Road & Street report to the Commissioners stating the MVH and the LRS funds have decreased from last year.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the MVH and Local Road & Street report into record. Motion carried.

Roads

They are crack sealing Winchester Road from the Decatur city limits to the Allen County line. Wayne Asphalt will begin paving 400 W beginning at Highway 224 to Winchester Road.

Department

The pipe crew is out grading townships and others are filling potholes with the Total Patcher. They have swept the loose stone off of all of the bridges and the tractors and mowers are in the shop being prepared to mow. Dust Control signup will carry through May 16th.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the new doors and threshold were installed at Superior Court last Friday. The keys have been made and distributed to the employees. County Assessor, Don Kuhn, took the drone out and took pictures of the roof of the building. The Commissioners recommended Mr. Stimpson get quotes for repairing the west side of the roof and possibly the entire roof.

The room formerly used by the Public Defender is almost completed and will utilized by the IT Department. There is still trim work to be completed.

Mike is getting ready for spring projects and has been in contact with Fritz Bultemeyer on getting the brick ready at the Peace Monument at the Courthouse.

IN RE: WORK ONE

Kathleen Randolph, CEO of Northeast Indiana Works, submitted for signature the Regional Elected Official's Agreement for Adams County as part of the Northeast Indiana Works. This agreement is made and entered into by and between the Chief Local Elected Officials from the Counties of Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley and the City of Fort Wayne comprising Region 3, to set forth the procedures that shall govern the Regional Local Elected Officials and their responsibilities and actions pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and all federal and state statues, rules, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Adams County is rated 85th in the unemployment rate in the State which means we have very little. Currently, there is a labor shortage and they are working with employers within Adams County trying to improve our attractiveness and get business to move into the area. They will be providing labor market information in the future. They know what the employer's needs are in the community. The role of the Commissioners is paramount on receiving the monies from the State and Federal Government.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to sign the agreement representing the Commissioners of Adams County, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for April 23, 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