

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 30, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. County Auditor, Mary Beery, was absent.

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 23, 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 \$291,742.91 for the pay period ending April 19, 2019. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Commissioner Bauman questioned an E-911 claim in the amount of \$28,110.39. Sheriff, Mawhorr said this is a one-time charge for all the cablings and materials to be used to set up the south tower. This is to be paid out of the E-911 fund. Attorney, Mark Burry, said he looked this up and this claim can be paid out of the E-911 fund.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$269,694.20 for the claims to be paid 5/1/2019. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for April 29, 2019, in the amount of \$2,756.69 (Medical \$7,219.62 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Stop Loss \$-4,462.93). 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 May 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$44,968.74; PPO fees \$1,027.00; admin fees \$2,556.80; and March RC ID fee \$5.00; for a premium total of \$48,557.54. Motion carried.

**Comp Time Report for 1st Quarter 2019**

The comp time report for 1st quarter period ending 3/31/2019 was presented with a report detailing comp time for all departments. There is a separate listing with employees over 80 hours of accrued time.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for acknowledgment of the reports from the Adams County Auditor showing the acquired hours of compensating time for the period ending 3/31/2019. Motion carried.

**Continuing Disclosure Services Agreement**

The Continuing Disclosure Services agreement with Umbaugh & Associates was submitted for approval to provide the financial data for the bonds on an annual basis. Umbaugh will provide this service on an hourly basis. When closed on the bond issue for the new jail this was part of the agreement for the trust to make annual disclosures regarding finances, payments, and reporting guidelines. This is something that has to be completed and specialized and not something the Auditor's Office can do or should do. Monies have been budgeted in the bond issue. Mr. Burry recommended the Commissioners approve the agreement.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the recommendation and sign the agreement. Motion carried.

**Tax Sale**

A tax sale services support addendum with SRI was presented for signature.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the recommendation and sign the addendum. Motion carried.

**Tax Abatement**

The county received a public notice from the City of Berne saying that EP Graphic will be asking the City of Berne to approve a new abatement.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept into record the public notice received from the City of Berne for EP Graphics. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, presented a revised load posting changes and restrictions for bridges from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. These load ratings follow the new INDOT requirements. This resulted of 9 bridges to require posting changes and 1 bridge requires special restrictions. He will notify the fire departments to have them weight their emergency vehicles due to these new requirements. The letter states the following changes:

- **Bridge 5**, which carries CR 600 East over Staub Ditch, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 20**, which carries CR 1000 North over Gerke Ditch, is currently posted at 15 Tons. It is recommended to remove the load posting of this bridge.

- **Bridge 43**, which carries CR 550 North over Holthouse Ditch, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 58**, which carries CR 500 North over Holthouse Ditch, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 62**, which carries CR 400 North over Holthouse Ditch, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 106**, which carries CR 200 South over Blue Creek, is currently posted at 14 Tons. It is recommended to lower the load posting of this bridge to 8 Tons.
- **Bridge 114**, which carries CR 300 South over Blue Creek, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 127**, which carries CR 500 South over Luginbill Ditch, is not currently posted. It is recommended to post this bridge for an emergency vehicle gross load limit of 35 Tons.
- **Bridge 134**, which carries CR 300 East over Wagley Far/ow Ditch, is currently posted at 15 Tons. It is recommended to remove the load posting of this bridge.
- **Bridge 75**, which carries CR 400 West over Beery Ditch, is not currently posted. This bridge is an adjacent box beam bridge that has been widened with steel beams and a concrete deck. It is recommend to restrict traffic on this bridge from driving on any of the steel beams on either side of the bridge deck. In order to accommodate this, it is recommended to place temporary concrete traffic barriers on the edges of the box beams so the bridge roadway is narrowed from 28'-9" down to 16'-0" clear roadway. The barriers should be placed so that they are supported by the concrete box beams and not the steel beams. We assumed a weight of 450 lbs/ft for each temporary traffic barrier and a width of 24" for our calculations. In addition, it is recommended to install One Lane Bridge signs at each approach to warn motorists of the reduced roadway width. Note: If this restriction is not put in place, the bridge would need to be load posted for 10 tons.

Mr. Barkey said Bridge B-75 will be restricted to 16 feet clear roadway.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept the recommendations as per the letter from Butler Fairman & Seufert. Motion carried.

### **Bids**

Bids will be opened on May 28<sup>th</sup> for Bridge B-75 to replace the structure

Bids will be opened on May 28<sup>th</sup> for Community Crossing projects. In the contract they can change the asphalt price in 2020. They will bid at current price per ton. Then next spring we will know the market price then the amount could change higher or lower. Mr. Barkey will insert the correct verbiage in the documents.

IN RE:

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### **Roads**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, reported they will mill 2 inches off the top of US Highway 224 to help with the water issues. The sidewalks are lower than the road. There will be a change order in the amount of \$5,500 to have the 2,200 feet milled due to the water issues.

Mr. Caffee said he was notified by the Sheriff's department on Friday at 4:30 P.M. that there was a hole in the road on 200 W just north of Highway 218. It was a sink hole and his department had it filled by 6 P.M. Mr. Caffee thanked the Sheriff's Department for notifying him.

#### **Buried Cable Permits**

Mr. Caffee submitted a buried cable permit and installation from Century Link for approval. He has concerns on this because on the permit it says to repair the broken tile and does not have any specifications. This tile runs north and south and he believed it runs into and open ditch. The tile is also plugged. County Attorney, Mark Burry, said to put this application on hold until we get more specifications.

#### **Buggy Plates**

The department has sold 1,325 buggy plates and there is about 900 left to be sold.

#### **Tower**

Commissioner Bauman asked Mr. Caffee if the tower at the old jail will be beneficial to relocate that to the highway department. Mr. Caffee said he would look into this.

#### **Signage**

Mr. Caffee said there are 9 roads that are currently closed due to high water. There is lots of high water in the county. On Saturday he sent 3 crew out to put out closed signs. On Sunday Mr. Caffee and one of his employees went out to put up a sign and to make sure the other signs are still in place. He reported that some of the signs went missing.

#### **Drainage**

Property owner, Gene Bienz, said that back in September 4, 2018 a water problem was discussed at the Commissioners meeting. This issue is located on 1000 N between 400 E and 500 E. Mr. Bienz would like to know what is the next step. He said the north side of the road was fixed, but he still has issues on the south side of the road. The water is coming up to the road. County Attorney, Mark Burry said he has recently met with County Surveyor, Paul Norr. Before things can move forward things needs to dry up. Mr. Burry told Mr. Bienz he can petition to the drainage board his case. Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee said he has tried some things but the ground was frozen during the winter and this spring it has been very wet so work cannot get done until it gets dryer. The catch basins have been filling up due to grass and field debris because farmers are going to no-till. Commissioner Bauman asked Mr. Bienz to give Mr. Caffee until the end of May to see what the weather does to give Mr. Caffee time to see what can be done.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Mawhorr, reported that they will be issuing citations for people going around road closed barriers and signs due to high water.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Service Complex**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported that Room #126 is finished and the IT Department can move in. The Clerk and Prosecutor's office has files currently stored in this room. Mr. Stimpson had told the two departments the files must be removed by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Stimpson said he will be looking at the outdoor maintenance such as mulching and weeding.

**Peace Monument**

He said some of the bricks at the Peace Monument located on the Courthouse lawn need to be refinished. He will be looking into this soon.

**Shredding**

Mr. Stimpson said he has sent out several emails to all department on shredding. He said only one department has not responded. The box count to shred is about half of what it was last year.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

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

- Replat Lot 2 Jefferson Acres / Jefferson Twp Sec 18 / 2 lots / located about one-quarter of a mile south from the corner of County Roads 300 East and 800 South.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Replat Lot 2 Jefferson Acres Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

- Replat Hirschy-Wilson-Tyner Subdivision / Monroe Twp Sec 12 / 2 lots / located south from the corner of County Roads 250 East and 100 South

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Replat Hirschy-Wilson-Tyner Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

- Replat Lot 1 & Lot 3 Martin Wickey Subdivision / Monroe Twp Sec 13 / 2 lots / located southwest from the corner of County Roads 250 East and 200 South

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the Replat Lot 1 & Lot 3 Martin Wickey Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

- Daniel S. Schwartz Subdivision / Wabash Twp Sec 23 / 4 Lots / located about one-quarter of a mile west from the corner of County Roads 150 East and 1000 South

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Daniel S. Schwartz Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, requested permission to replace the full-time cook that recently resigned.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to grant permission to replace the full-time cook. Motion carried

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, reported he will be advertising to receiving bids on May 28<sup>th</sup> for the sale of the old jail as zoned with the rights of the county to keep the tower. It is zoned as R-2 and Mr. Burry will meet with the City of Decatur on the zoning. The bids must meet the average of the two appraisals. When the bids are opened they can take the bids under advisement and decide what they would like to do.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for the approval to have County Attorney, Mark Burry advertise of the sale of the old jail in The Berne Witness, Decatur Daily Democrat, The Journal Gazette and the county website. Motion carried.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for April 30, 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