

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met June 4, 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 Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for May 28, 2019. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' and Adams County Council for May 28, 2019. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$384,789.91 for the claims to be paid 6/5/2019. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for May 28, 2019, in the amount of \$115,859.01 (Medical \$121,279.04 & Pharmacy \$47,064.68 & Stop Loss Reimbursement \$52,484.71) and a funding request for June 3, 2019, in the amount of \$10,058.79 (Medical \$10,058.79 & Pharmacy \$0.00) for a claim total of \$125,917.80. Motion carried.

There is currently \$565,898.40 in the checking account and \$1,759,570.67 in the reserve account totaling \$2,325,469.07.

Cyber Insurance

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to approve the cyber policy application for \$1,000,000 with a \$5,000 deductible, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Bids B-75 Bid Opening

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the arithmetic was in order on the bids for the Bridge B-75 project on County road 400 W between 100 N & 200 N. He recommended the bid from Primco, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, be approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the bid from Primco, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Motion carried.

Cumulative Bridge

Mr. Barkey reminded the board of the quote for a barrier wall from Indiana Barrier Wall and presented another quote from Jutte Excavating. Jutte Excavating submitted a quote of \$50.83 per foot to rent and \$50.28 per foot to purchase 192' feet. He recommended the quote from Jutte Excavating be approved to purchase the wall. Their units were in 12' increments instead of 10' increments. The height is 32" and crash worthy according to Indiana Highway standards. Advance warning signs and a one lane bridge sign have been put in place since the footage has been decreased.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval to purchase 192' feet of concrete barrier wall for \$9,653.33 from Jutte Excavating. Motion carried.

This Wednesday and Thursday he will be in Indianapolis for the summer conference.

Covered Bridge

Mr. Barkey reported on the covered bridge inspection which was contracted through USI Consultants. The inspection has been completed and there is insect damage and some nuts and bolts that have to be taken care of. The bridge is in pretty good shape. The board directed Mr. Barkey to check into getting the insect situation under control.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Community Crossings Grant

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the arithmetic was in order on the bids for the Community Crossing projects. He recommended the bid from Brooks Construction, Fort Wayne, Indiana, be approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The locations for bid include County Road 750 N from Winchester Road to 600 W; County Road 500 E from 224 to 900 N; and County Road 300 W between 950 S and State Road 116. The grant monies received were \$976,148.62 and the Highway Department has the funds to pay what is above the \$976,148.62 at 100 % of the costs.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the bid from Brooks Construction, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Motion carried.

Buried Tile

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented for signature an application for permit from Watson Excavating to bury and extend the water main to 8" and heading south. There is an existing waterline under the road but they are not going to do anything to it.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to approve the application for permit from Watson Excavating, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Claim

Mr. Caffee presented a claim to Vermeer Midwest, Fort Wayne, Indiana for \$95,640.00 to be paid out of the normal claim cycle for the purchase of a potting machine. The machine is used to blow out water from pipes and clean out catch basins.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claim from Vermeer Midwest to be paid out of claim cycle. Motion carried.

Roads

The department is working on Piqua Road between State road 101 and County road 350 N and the area will be closed until noon tomorrow. Flow able fill will be added to backfill with and they have to let it sit for 24 hours before it can be used.

The pipe crew is out due to the heavy amounts of rainfall which has doubled the orders. The crew is mowing, and he anticipates 2 additional weeks for patching potholes and cracks.

They began restoring intersection 300 W and 750 N.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, was not present.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Clinic part-time nurse, Brenda Alexander, and Health Clinic full-time nurse, Holly Degitz, met to discuss the Preparedness Grant. Brenda is in the midst of retiring from preparedness and will go back to doing shots. She requested permission to hire someone to fill the preparedness position as a part-time 15 to 20 hours per week position. Mrs. Alexander stated the grant has divided how they wanted in the past and they are receiving \$25,000 total verses \$15,000 to \$17,000 in the past. They will utilize \$2,000 to \$3,000 for materials and the rest would go for the wage of the position. The grant is through the Indiana State Department of Health which runs on a fiscal year.

Auditor, Mary Beery, questioned if the applicant is currently a part-time employee of Adams County. Attorney Burry stated an independent contractor cannot be an employee.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to post and fill the position. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

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

- Samuel S Hilty Subdivision / 2 lots / Monroe Twp Sec 15 / west of the intersection of 300 S & 100 E.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Samuel S Hilty Subdivision was approved.

Motion carried.

- Replat Lot 1 Simon E T Schwartz Subdivision / 2 lots / Washington Twp Sec 35 / 1/4 S of the corner of 100 E & 100 N

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

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

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	2	\$500,000
Residential Additions	5	\$78,130
Unattached Buildings	10	\$191,600
Addition to Unattached Buildings	2	\$18,500
Agricultural Buildings	1	\$50,000
Pools	2	\$77,250
Decks	2	\$8,000
New Electrical Service	15	\$376,922
Remodels	1	\$30,000
Total Permits	40	Total dollar value \$1,330,402

The report shows a decrease in the estimated building costs as compared to 2018 due to the large construction at Adams Central Schools.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the monthly report for May 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer, Jack Odle, requested permission to hire a replacement to fill one of the secretary positions. Melissa Avalos has submitted her resignation and her last day will be June 21, 2019.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to post and fill the position. Motion carried.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Adams County resident, Robert Noll, addressed the board because his rental house had been condemned per the Health Department. Environmentalist, Nathan Scherer, Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall, and Regional Sewer District Director, Barry Scherer, were in attendance.

Mr. Noll explained his side as follows: He has a rental house and due to the rain, water went into the house instead of the field. The water was flowing over into the toilet and backing up into the house. He did not understand how that could happen as it has not done this before. The sump pump was not working. He called the County Highway Department and they flushed the sump pump and they could not figure it out. They dug down to the septic tank and that was clear and still could not figure out where the water was coming from. His daughter unplugged the sump pump and the water was going down and recirculating. The pipe was plugged and going out not into the house. His son-in-law used a power washer to flush out the tile. The lady renter was taking pictures and videos and Mr. Noll told them to put it away and she wouldn't. The sheriff was called and a few deputies showed up along with the Monroe police officer and a State trooper. There was a sign on the door that it was condemned. The sheriff deputy asked if they were breaking in and Mr. Noll explained that they were never up to the house. Mr. Noll received a call a couple of months ago and straw was flowing in the basement and the pipe to the sump pump was broke off. He had to take the sump pump out and he blew it out and cleaned it and took it back to the house and it worked.

Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall, received a complaint that sewage was going into the house. They follow up on complaints and could not find a septic system on file. Based on sewage in the house and when a sewage system is found as a failure they require a new system.

Mr. Noll stated he put in a new bathtub, stool, vanity, and a front porch before the current renters moved in. He said the Health Department has said he needs to install a new septic tank. There are shrub roots in the pipe and he does not have enough money to install a new septic tank.

Attorney, Mark Burry, looked the property up in the GIS and told Mr. Noll that he has enough land to put in a new system. He stated the Commissioners do not have the authority to override the law. The board is not in the position to tell him that he does not have to follow health department guidelines. There are septic issues throughout the county and the Health Department is aware there are a lot of systems that do not meet requirements. Mr. Burry closed stating this is a civil dispute with the tenants and now the health department is involved.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Environmentalist, Nathan Scherer, and Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall, presented an agreed order between David Schmidt and the Department of Environmental Management. The Health Department received a complaint of manure finding its way into the waterway and has been ongoing for a while. The agreed order came through IDEM and the situation is closed and Mr. Schmidt is making payments. An interest rate will be applied if it is not paid timely.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for June 4, 2019 was adjourned. Motion carried.

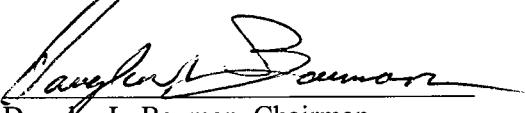
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Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor



Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman

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