

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, and Rex Moore; County Attorney, Mark Burry, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. County Auditor, Mary Beery, and Commissioner Kim Fruechte were absent.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for July 16, 2019. Motion carried.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$296,158.86 for the pay period ending July 12, 2019. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for July 22, 2019, in the amount of \$21,807.69 (Medical \$6,258.59 & Pharmacy \$15,549.10). Motion carried.

**Weights and Measures Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the report by Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, for the period June 16, 2019 to July 15, 2019 stating there had been 26 inspections, with 26 correct and 0 rejected. Motion carried.

**Wheel Tax Quarterly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into the record the quarterly report for 2nd quarter 2019 for wheel tax & surtax. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, opened the following bids for culvert C-191, located on County road 750 S between 300 W and 400 W and culvert C-100, located on County road 750 N between 300 W and 400 W.

Contractor	Amount	Representative
Fleming Excavating, Decatur, IN	\$96,374.60	Nobody present

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to take the bid under advisement. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey presented the minutes from a meeting held on July 3, 2019 with Butler, Fairman & Seufert at the B-106 bridge site. This bridge is located on County Road 200 S over the Blue Creek. A copy is available in the Auditors' office. Mr. Barkey wants to apply for the Community Crossing Grant and projects to replace this bridge in 2021.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Buried Permits**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, submitted the following buried permits and installation agreements for approval;

Company	Road	Road Section	Township
NIPSCO	500 S	150 W –US 27	Monroe

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the permit from NIPSCO. Motion carried.

NIPSCO	Minnich Rd	US 27 – 1200 N	Root
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Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the permit from NIPSCO. Motion carried.

**Roads**

The department is mowing and chip and sealing roads. They are chip and sealing on 1000 S to the state line. When they are completed with the south side of the county, then they will move back to the north side of county.

**Highway**

Parking for the 4-H fair has been good. They have not blocked them in so far this year.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Service Complex Building**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported he has been working on landscaping.

**Superior Court Building**

Mr. Stimpson reported the second air conditioner went out. A condenser would cost \$2,500 and is not worth it for that unit. He has a meeting in a few minutes to see options on getting this fixed. He will come back with the findings.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

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

➤ Owens Farm Subdivision / 2 lots / Washington Township / Sec 19 / SW corner 300 N & 200 W.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the Owens Farms Subdivision. Motion carried.

IN RE:

RECORD REQUESTS AND ORDINANCE OBJECTIONS

Health Department Attorney, Adam Miller, appeared before the Commissioners to give an update on the public record requests. As of today they have received a total of 60 public records requests for the Health Department and other county offices. Thousands of copies have been made. These requests started April 29, 2019 from an investigator who works for an Ohio attorney's office. He sent a letter to the Ohio attorney 4 weeks ago and has not heard back from them. Mr. Miller believes they want the Health Department to suspend the fees. The Health Department is dealing with a small group of people who want to empty their human privies and spread it on open ground. There are state laws that need to be followed and the County does not have control over this. Other issues that they have dealt with are smoke detectors, setbacks, and building requirements. This affects everyone in the county and not just a certain group of people.

Mr. Miller requested that the County have a public meeting and ask IDEM to come. Mr. Miller will invite the Ohio council and ask them to invite the people they represent. He will also have this notice advertised in both newspapers. Mr. Miller said the vast amount of people we do not have a problem with, but there are a few. Below is the public notice and what will be discussed.

## NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

The Adams County Commissioners, Adams County Council, Adams County Plan Commission and Adams County Board of Health will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds cafeteria in Monroe, Indiana to discuss the following:

1. County ordinance requirements for the location and construction of privies.
2. County ordinance and State regulations concerning the spreading of human septage on open ground as fertilizer.
3. County ordinance and State regulations concerning the minimum requirements for septic systems.
4. County ordinances concerning land splits and subdivisions.
5. County ordinances and State regulations concerning building requirements, building set-backs and restrictions.

IN RE:

GOLDEN MEADOWS**Application for Admission**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented an application for admission of a Wells County male. He was an Adams county residence for a long time but recently moved to Bluffton for Parke Center Services. Mrs. Nichols feels he will be a good fit.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the admittance of a Wells County male based on recommendation of Kris Nichols. Motion carried

IN RE:

SUPERIOR COURT

Office Manager of Superior Court, Carrie Freeman, informed the board they purchased office furniture totaling \$3,198.40. They do not have enough money in their account in the Cumulative Capital Development budget to pay the claim. Mrs. Freeman also informed the board that she neglected to ask to make the purchase since it exceeded the \$2,500 amount listed in the personnel policy manual. She asked permission to use the Commissioners equipment account in the Cumulative Capital Development budget for the additional amount over \$3,000. The Commissioners said to pay \$3,000 out of the Cum Cap Dev budget and the balance of \$198.40 out of office supplies from the Superior Court Budget.

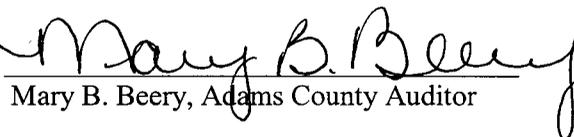
Mrs. Freeman also informed the board they got an old air conditioner from the old jail. B Secured Alarm Systems removed the air conditioner from the old jail and installed it in the Superior Courtroom. The parts and labor cost \$1,800 and she does not have the money to pay for it. Mrs. Freeman asked where the repairs can be paid from as they do not have a repairs budgeted line item. The Commissioners told her when she gets the invoice to give it to them to pay since they take care of the court buildings.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Doug Moore, the meeting for July 23, 2019 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

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Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

  
Rex Moore, Commissioner

  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman