

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore; County Attorney, Mark Burry, and County Auditor, Mary Beery.

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 23, 2019. Motion carried.

#### **Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$402,112.18 for the claims to be paid 7/31/2019. Motion carried.

#### **Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for July 29, 2019, in the amount of \$51,110.73 (Medical \$13,525.52 & Pharmacy \$37,979.51 & Recovered Refund \$394.30). 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 August 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$45,674.69; PPO fees \$1,044.25; admin fees \$2,601.92; June RC ID fee \$7.50; for a premium total of \$49,328.36. Motion carried.

There is currently \$508,995.27 in the checking account and \$1,766,644.14 in the reserve account totaling \$2,275,639.41.

#### **Comp Time Report for 2nd Quarter 2019**

The comp time report for 2nd quarter period ending 6/30/2019 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 Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for acknowledgment of the reports from the Adams County Auditor showing the acquired hours of compensating time for the period ending 6/30/2019. Motion carried.

#### **Superior Court**

Auditor, Mary Beery, asked the board where they wanted to pay the \$1,800 claim for the air conditioner for Superior Court. She suggested paying the claim using the Commissioners equipment account in the Cumulative Capital Development budget.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to pay the claim out of the Commissioners equipment account in the Cumulative Capital Development budget, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

#### **Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on the bids that were opened last week for the replacement of small structure 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. He recommended awarding the bid to Fleming Excavating for \$96,374.60.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of Fleming Excavating for the rehabilitation of small structures culvert C-191 and C-100. Motion carried.

It was recommended that Adams County post a certain amount of bridges with weight limit only signage. A staff of four from the Highway Department worked on a Friday and installed the signs on 7 bridges. Six of the bridges will have a weight limit of 35 tons for emergency vehicle's only and the rest of the public may cross without restriction. The weight limit for Bridge B-106 has been reduced from 14 tons to 8 tons for all vehicles. Mr. Barkey contacted the Adams Central schools' system and they will detour around the bridge until replacement.

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.

#### **Department**

Mr. Caffee reported the 4H Fair went well with little to no problems on the use of the parking lot at the department.

#### **Roads**

The department has chip and sealed 58 ½ miles of road and pushing for 85 miles in 2019. Early next week, they are going to move to 650 W and apply tack oil then chip and seal. They plan on completing 12 additional miles of chip and seal in the north part of the county, then head south to complete another 15 miles. Mr. Caffee has a company trying to come up with a solution to fill horse troughs with something that holds.

The crew is leveling 650 W, mowing, pipe crew is out, grading, and chip and sealing roads. The tree located on Salem Road and 250 N has been trimmed for more visibility.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Superior Court Building**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported on issues with the Superior Court location and building. He has spent \$29,000 on two air conditioning units, wiring, and fixing the back door. He has called Joe H Construction and cancelled the roof project. There is no leak and if one happens, he will contact Joe H Construction for repair. The spouting and foundation are good and the sidewalks are being completed by TG Concrete. He hopes this will take care of water and mold issues in the basement.

N RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

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

Daniel J. Pyle's Second Subdivision / Washington Twp. Section 26 / 4 Lots / Southeast corner of the corner of 100 E and 200 N.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the Daniel J. Pyle's Second Subdivision. Motion carried.

Daniel M.W. Schwartz Subdivision / Jefferson Twp. Sect 5 / 2 Lots / Southeast corner of State Road 218 and Salem Rd.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the Daniel M.W. Schwartz Subdivision. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer Jack Odle, updated the board on the activity of the Probation Department (on file in the Auditor's Office). He is not looking to hire additional staff at this time. Board expressed appreciation of the work of the department.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, to make the information on the presentation (on file in the Auditor's Office) a matter of record, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADAMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Adams Memorial Hospital Attorney, Adam Miller, met with the board concerning questions on how the hospital gets paid on Medicare reimbursements. There are two Medicare rates for reimbursement which depends on the designation of the hospital; Perspective Payment Method and the Critical Access Method. The Perspective Payment Method is a reimbursement rate primarily for larger healthcare providers like Lutheran and Parkview. Critical Access Method is what many rural hospitals in the State of Indiana and elsewhere in the country use. There are 35 critical access hospitals in Indiana, including Adams Memorial Hospital. Medicare reimburses at 99% of the hospital's actual costs plus 4%. Mr. Miller presented a letter explaining the Medicare reimbursements along with information on other expenses that the hospital does for the county. County Attorney, Mark Burry, will talk to Lisa Scroggins of Quality Correctional Care and hold a meeting if necessary.

IN RE: ADJOURN

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