

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met August 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. County Attorney, Mark Burry, 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 August 20, 2019 with the following correction:

Service Complex

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, presented a quote from Havel for \$6,364.70 for replacing a Wilkins main service backflow. This will be done on August 7th over the weekend due to shutting off the water. The underlined sentence should read; This will be done on September 7th over the weekend. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$585,360.75 for the claims to be paid 8/28/2019. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

There is currently a combined total of \$2,421,330.01 in the checking and reserve accounts.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for August 26, 2019, in the amount of \$40,326.06 (Medical \$8,816.39 & Pharmacy \$31,701.29 & Recovered Refunds \$191.62). 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 September 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$5,516.95; PPO fees \$1,038.50; admin fees \$2,586.88; July RC ID fee \$1.50; for a premium total of \$49,154.83. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on the discussion held last week on the sidewalk and landscaping along Peacekeepers Way. He presented a change order from Reinhart Landscaping to complete the work. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Barkey to draw up a contract for the work.

A meeting was held in Van Wert yesterday on bridges that boarder with Ohio. Those present were Ohio DOT, Van Wert, Mercer, Allen, and Adams Counties, and Federal and State of Indiana Agencies. The main topic of discussion was who is the lead agency when boarder bridges are involved. There will be an agreement presented to the Commissioners. Adams County is the lead agency on one structure which was not on the list of for Adams County bridges. Van Wert County is the lead agency on three bridges. Adams County paid 50% of the replacement of the three structures. There were separate agreement's in the past and they are wanting something in writing for documentation of the agreements moving forward.

Mr. Barkey informed the board there are three bridges on a 12-month inspection and have issues that need to be looked at annually. The Phase I A inspection report has been received and the bridges are as follows:

B-27 – located on Piqua Road at Monmouth

B-93 – located on Van Buren Street in Monroe

B-133 – located on 000 Road at Lehman Feed Mill

These bridges are on the rehabilitation and/or replacement list. Mr. Barkey is looking at replacing B-93 in 2020 with the others completed shortly thereafter.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept the report and for approval of placing bridges B-27, B93, and B-133 on the rehabilitation and/or replacement list. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Department

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, introduced Jason Nussbaum, member of the Adams County 4H Fair Board. Mr. Nussbaum wanted to personally thank the County Commissioners for letting them use the County Highway grounds for parking cars at the 4H Fair this year due to the construction at Adams Central School.

Mr. Caffee presented the following three quotes to replace the bed of the 2004 truck currently in the fleet. The bed has been re-welded several times and he would like to replace it with a new steel bed. The truck has 269,000 miles on it and the bed is beyond repair.

W.A. Jones, Columbia City, Indiana	\$24,539
The Godwin Group, Dunn, North Carolina	\$26,854
Monroe Snow & Ice Control, Monroe, Wisconsin	\$28,912

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval to accept the quote from W.A. Jones as the lowest bid. Motion carried.

Roads

The department is trying to finish chip and sealing for 2019 with 10 miles to complete. Mr. Caffee requested approval to extend the 4/10- hour day work schedule for one week.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the extension of one additional week for the Highway Department to work 4/10-hour days. Motion carried.

Mr. Caffee stated his employees will use comp time or make up time for the hours over 8 on the holiday.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Service Complex

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the backflow is scheduled for September 7th and Havel will be here to do the work.

His department is getting ready for the fall. They will complete some painting in the gym, Health Clinic, and Superior Court building. The painting will be done by part-time employees.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

Mark Wynn, Building Inspector & Plan Commission Director, presented the following subdivisions for approval: Samuel A. Schwartz Subdivision, 3 Lots, Section 11, Monroe Township, located ½ mile south of 100 S on 100 E.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the Samuel A. Schwartz Subdivision. Motion carried.

Mark Merkel Subdivision, 5 Lots, Section 20, Jefferson Township, located at 400 E & 1100 S.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the Mark Merkel Subdivision. Motion carried.

Replat of Lot 4 of Habegger Acres, 2 Lots, Section 9, Monroe Township, located at 200 S West of 000 Rd.

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the Replat of Lot 4 of Habegger Acres. Motion carried.

IN RE: PRETRIAL RELEASE PILOT PROGRAM

Community Corrections Case Manager, Stephanie Beaver, and Superior Court Judge, Pat Miller, met with the board to update them on the Pretrial Release Pilot Program. The pilot program has to be in effect on January 1, 2020. The program started July 1st in Adams County to work out the potential problems.

The current process is offenders are arrested and go to jail, the standard bond is set, a pretrial risk assessment is completed, and files are given to Public Defender Manager, Brad Weber, to review. They are looking at whether they should be able to post bond or remain in jail. If an offender is able to post bond, they are sent notices to let them know of court appearances. Offenders who are unable to post bond are then being monitored by the pretrial services. If they do not follow through with their release orders, then they could be incarcerated. Ms. Beaver is following through to determine whether they should be incarcerated.

The biggest issue in Judge Miller's opinion is we need a public defender for each offender. If Mr. Weber has conflicts he is not able to represent the offender. Overall the judge reported the program is going well but the counts keep increasing. Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Rhonda McIntosh, manages the pretrial initial screening. Criminal Rule 26 was ordered by the Supreme Court

Ms. Beaver reported she has 20 individuals on current monitoring/seeing visits per month. She must keep up with these cases but it is a challenge without having guidelines.

There will be a pretrial conference in Indianapolis on October 4th. On September 27th at 8:30 AM, a meeting at the jail will be held to discuss the topic. The Commissioners were invited and the Court of Administration and Supreme Court will be in attendance.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for August 27, 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