

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 3, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. County Auditor, Mary Beery was absent.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for August 27, 2019 were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$297,539.62 for the pay period ending August 23, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Roads

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, said he worked up the designs for County Road 700 S located between US Highway 27 to County Road 150 W. Mr. Barkey has determined what the right-of-way should be on this road. He recommended the entire south part of the road should have a 30 foot of a right-of-way and currently there is 20 foot. The additional space will give them extended roadway and make a ditch. He will contact the utilities for both sides of the road because the utility poles will need to be relocated. This will be a contracted project.

Commissioner Fruechte asked if there will need to be a left turn lane into the school by the baseball diamond. Mr. Barkey said he will contact the school to see if this is necessary. Mr. Caffee said the City of Berne may help in the winter to salt this road because they can get to this location faster than the highway department. The City of Berne helps with salting this area for the safety of school traffic.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to take Mr. Barkey's recommendation to widen County Road 700 S located from US Highway 27 to County Road 150 W to 30 foot. Motion carried.

South Adams Trails Project

Mr. Barkey present the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority Regional Cities Initiative Subrecipient Agreement for the South Adams Trails. The next round of bids for this next phase will be opened on September 11, 2019. INDOT will allocate up to \$2,887,792 of federal funds to the project and South Adams Trails will be responsible for the remaining amount which may be up to \$224,000. South Adams Trails has raised some of the funding but will need to get the rest. This is projected for 2020-2021 due to the south bridge on US Highway 27 bridge is still under construction.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to sign the agreement for the South Adams Trails Project. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Department

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented an email from Pat Conner concerning how the gas tax is calculated. They believe there is an error in the calculation and are looking into this.

Mr. Caffee reported his department is filling in horse troughs on US 27 and 2 miles on 200 S. There are a few miles of chip and sealing to be done yet this year.

Mr. Caffee said he is often asked from taxpayers what his employees do once the chip sealing is done. Mr. Caffee said his employees will be doing berming projects, clearing side ditches, fill in holes in the road, and maintenance work on equipment.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Service Complex

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the backflow that was to be installed this Saturday is rescheduled due to the parts have not come in yet. He has rescheduled it in two weeks for September 21st.

Courthouse

Mr. Stimpson said he has been getting more calls and messages that dogs are pooping on the courthouse lawn and the owners are not cleaning up their pets' waste. He will be pricing out signs and disposable dog bags. If they want to propose a fine, the county will need to pass an ordinance. County Attorney, Mark Burry, said he will look into making an ordinance.

IN RE: COUNTY FARM LEASES

Commissioner Bauman said the three-year lease is up this year for the 133 tillable acres' farm. The Commissioner decided they want to lease this farm out for a three-year lease with a yearly renewal option and an option of early terminate option. Commissioner Fruechte asked if the soil analysis can be done. County Attorney, Mark Burry, said the county pays for the testing to be done and will pay for lime to be added if needed. They agreed to change the payment due to the county to a one-year payment instead of two. The payment is due either after the harvest or December 1st whichever comes first. They will open bids on September 24th.

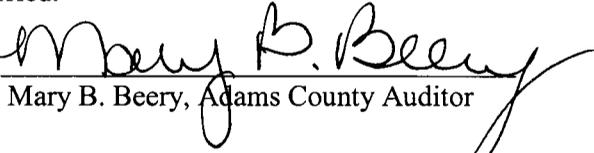
The Commissioners said they will ask Doug Fosnaugh if he wants to continue the current lease agreement on the 83-acre farm as it was bid out for three years.

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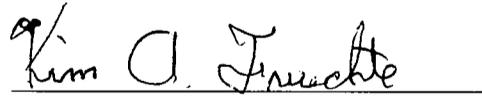
ADJOURN

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for September 3, 2019 was adjourned.
Motion carried.

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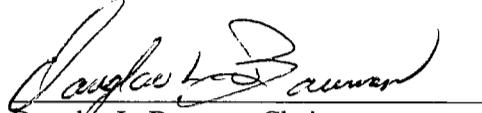
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor



Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman