

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 29, 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 Deputy Auditor, Angie Brite. 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 October 22, 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 \$295,943.73 for the pay period ending October 18, 2019. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$288,000.24 for the claims to be paid 10/30/2019. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

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 November 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$45,441.96; PPO fees \$1,044.50; admin fees \$2,601.92; September RC ID fee \$5.00; for a premium total of \$49,093.38. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney, Jeremy Brown wanted to inform the Commissioners of something that Drug Free Adams County, Department of Corrections and possibly Community Corrections might be teaming together to make happen.

Because of the ever declining employment of jailers at the Adams County Detention Center they are unable to assist on the weekends with drug testing.

One avenue they are looking at is having probation officers work the weekends when needed.

County Attorney, Mark Burry is looking into how this would work being a county employee and working over forty hours a week.

Also the Superior Court Building would be in use over the weekend if this new procedure would happen.

Mr. Burry has put a call into Barns & Thornburg to get their thoughts.

Prosecuting Attorney, Jeremy Brown wanted to let the Commissioners know what his staff has been saying about the company, Wired.net as they move around in the prosecutor office rewiring the office and what wonderful group of people they have working for them. Mr. Brown has received nothing but positive comments from his staff on how professional and respectful they are working in the office.

We tend to look and report on the "bad stuff" that happens, so he wanted to let the Commissioners know what a great group of people Wired.Net has working for them.

IN RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

County Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr informed the Commissioners that they could potentially be losing six jailers before the end of the year.

He has seventeen shifts to cover by deputies and with the lack of jailers on staff he will be asking deputies to work overtime and possibly pulling road deputies on duty to come in and be jailers if needed.

Mr. Mawhorr said we will make it through this shortage by all pulling together.

The jailers are losing faith in the system as far as the pay and the Council stating we need to hold on until next year when they say there is more to come.

An example Mr. Mawhorr gave was the current jailers are making \$16.50 hr. and in the new 2020 budget the starting wage for a jailer is \$15.31. It's a step back.

The economy is good and there are many jobs out there to be gotten by good people.

Mr. Mawhorr said if there are any Job Fairs out there he will attend and try to recruit qualified, respectful people.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, was not in attendance

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented quotes for preparation work for the new 80' x 140' building to be built.

The quotes included moving dirt and making a leveled pad for the building.

Also included in the quote was tearing down an old building on the premises, separating the wood and hauling away the tin and metal.

There were three quotes turned in.

\$15,000	Kaehr Excavation
\$10,900	Tri-County Excavation

\$ 9,875 Luginbill Excavation

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the bid from Luginbill Excavation in the amount of \$9,875.00. Motion carried.

**Roads**

The road crew has been grading roads most of the time since we received a nice amount of rain.

They are also berming roads on 375 N, 550 E and Salem Road to U.S. Hwy 124. To do this it will take approximately three days.

They are still working on 850 S. and wanting to start on 200 W soon.

Due to the windy conditions on Saturday evening there were a couple of trees that fell covering the county roads and needed to be removed.

**Resignation**

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, presented a letter to the Commissioners in regards to his resigning from the position of County Highway Supervisor as of April 3, 2020 for retirement.

Mr. Caffee has been Highway Supervisor for the past five years of employment with the county.

County Commissioner, Doug Bauman told Mr. Caffee he would reluctantly accept this request and he expressed what a great job Lonnie has done as County Highway Supervisor. He wished him the best in retirement but stated he will be missed.

Commissioners, Kim Fruechte and Rex Moore praised Lonnie on his integrity and people skills he has shown by making the County Highway Department a better place to work and the general public commending the work of the county highway.

All three Commissioners were in agreement with the saying, "Job Well Done".

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Courthouse**

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, was not in attendance

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

**Subdivision**

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

Erxleben Subdivision / 3 lot / Sec 25 / Preble Township / SW corner 750 N & 300 W

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

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented a software license agreement with CSI-Computer Systems, Inc. The agreement is for one year in the amount of \$4,000.00.

The courts moved over to the state mandated odyssey software a few months ago, but some of the files did not convert over correctly. The courts are going through files and finding out what did not convert correctly. This is taking some time and the initial license with CSI has ran out, so they needed to extend the license for one year. Odyssey programmers are helping with the process, but yet still takes time.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Kruechte to extend the license with CSI for one year in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, informed the Commissioners he is working with Barnes & Thornburg on some employment issues.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for October 29, 2019 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Mary B. Beery  
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

Kim A. Fruechte  
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

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Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman  
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman