

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 15, 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 Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for October 8, 2019 were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$299,882.04 for the pay period ending 10/4/2019. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$127,424.64 for the claims to be paid 10/16/2019. Motion carried.

Utility Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$32,686.23 for the claims that were paid 10/15/2019. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for October 14, 2019, in the amount of \$35,964.37 (Medical \$16,917.62 & Pharmacy \$19,628.09 & Recovered Refund \$581.34). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the November 2019 consulting fee with Shafley Plan Management in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,256,945.83 in the checking and reserve accounts.

Animal Shelter

The Adams County Commissioners accepted into the record, the September 2019 report from Animal Shelter Directors, Charlie and Carol Bowers. This report states that they had sheltered 14 dogs and 15 cats with 9 being claimed and 9 adoptions. Zero animals were euthanized, and the Animal Shelter is currently housing 11 animals. There was \$180.00 receipted into the County General fund.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept the Animal Shelter report for September 2019 into the record. Motion carried.

Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the September 2019 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

Jail Inspection Report

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record that they received the jail inspection report.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, was not in attendance.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, reported dirt work and grading is being completed on 750 S and 850 S and is nearing the end. The department is installing driveway pipes. Mr. Caffee is working on a fence issue with an Amish resident. The department is running aggressive berming and have over 30 miles to complete. They are filling potholes on 1050 N and the crew will keep moving dirt as weather allows. The department will mow when it rains or the ground is wet. There are a few members of the department off farming.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Service Complex

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the carpet was cleaned in the old Township Assistance Office on the first floor last Saturday. This office will be IT Director, Mike Brown's office in the future. The window washers have completed cleaning windows. Rick Burkhalter has completed the third floor windows and the first floor will be done by John Whitright.

Stanley Steamer will clean carpets the Friday after Thanksgiving.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, requested permission to create a full-time cook position at the jail. The jail is averaging \$1.90 per meal per inmate which includes all expenses. This position would raise that cost to \$2.01. The costs from the company that quoted a meals program came in at \$2.10 for a powered meat based program. The jail is averaging 145 inmates on the same manpower. Sheriff Mawhorr received a letter from Jessie Myers who is currently a part-time cook. Ms. Myers would like to be considered for the position and Matron, Patsy Smith, is training her. Jessie turned down a job at Hoosier Pattern at \$14 per hour. She wants the job and turned it down in hopes of the new position. There is currently one full-time and three part-time cooks. One of the part-time is becoming unreliable due to health issues. He is an elderly gentleman and not strict with inmates. The hours for part-time staff average 126 hours per pay period. Inmate worker hours have been reduced as he is trying not to rely on them outside of the kitchen. They have gone from 12 to 8 hour shifts due to tighter supervision. Two full-time cooks would mean one in the morning and one in the afternoon which would cover all shifts. Inmate workers who work later in the day do laundry. Sheriff Mawhorr reported this will not eliminate any part-time but they will work less hours. He reported Patsy Smith plans to retire at end of 2020. He is requesting this position beginning January 2020.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept the recommendation of Sheriff Mawhorr and grant permission to hire an additional full-time cook position. Motion carried.

IN RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Regional Sewer District Director, Barry Scherer, reported that last Thursday the bids for the sewer district project were received as follows;

VTF Excavation, Celina OH	\$1,417,303.91
Rothenberger Company, Concord, MI	\$1,557,073.00
Geiger Excavating, Fort Wayne, IN	\$1,735,050.00

Mr. Scherer reported the bids came in a couple hundred thousand dollars less than estimated. IDEM is highlighting us at the Annex 4 meeting. IDEM is promoting the fact that we are doing positive things on getting the human waste out of the river. They wanted a synopsis of what we are doing and what we plan to do. The district is shovel ready to get a grant from SRF (State Revolving Loan Fund) or the Rural Development to move forward on the next projects. The project for Bobo will begin in February; and State Highway 33 will begin as soon as the contracts are signed. One hundred percent of the funding is forgivable with no additional debt service or bonding necessary on the Bobo Project. Linn Grove and Barrington Woods are the next projects to be completed per the vote by the sewer board.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented the following quotes;

ESRI renewal for contract for GIS	\$35,000
CXtec finishing cabling at the Courthouse	\$5,831.87

The board will act on this at next week's meeting.

Mr. Burry reported a Limited Power of Attorney request from Century Truck and Trailer Sales was received. They purchased a used truck from the Highway Department a while back. They did not change the title then they sold it again and the new owner did not change the title. The truck was burnt in a fire. They are requesting a Limited Power of Attorney to allow the buyer to get a salvage title.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for October 15, 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