

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Doug Bauman, and Kim Fruechte;; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. County Attorney, Mark Burry, was not present and Attorney Nate Reinking sat in his place.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for November 19, 2019 were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims & Election Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the payroll and election payroll claims totaling \$306,829.64 for the pay period ending November 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$580,574.00 for the claims to be paid 11/27/2019. Motion carried.

Utility Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$217,224.50 for the claims that were paid 11/20/2019. Motion carried.

Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report

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

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding request for November 25, 2019, in the amount of \$70,359.00 (Medical \$39,060.57 & Pharmacy \$31,298.43). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of payment for the Health Insurance Allied Benefits Administrative Service and claims for December 2019. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$44,262.79; PPO fees \$1,008.50; admin fees \$2,511.68; October RC ID fee \$5.00; for a premium total of \$47,787.97. Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,414,463.50 in the checking and reserve accounts.

Resolution 2019-11 - Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Appointment

Upon a motion Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for the appointment of Sandy Voglewede to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported on the following items:

Culvert C-100, located on County road 750 N between 300 W and 400 W was opened yesterday afternoon. The dirt in the area will get cleaned up when weather permits.

He has received the final inspection report for the new bridge on the Indiana/Ohio border. Culvert C-270 was a large culvert but is now a bridge (B-181) because of centerline length. Butler Fairman & Seufert inspected the bridge and Tim will put it into the report. The final draft of an agreement with Mercer County regarding maintenance and repairs of the bridge was sent to Mark Burry for his review before it is presented to the Commissioners.

Mr. Barkey will have agreements with Van Wert County on three structures. The structures were replaced in the 70's or 80's and are in good shape and should not need attention for several years.

Mr. Barkey will not be here next week and will return at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Roads

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, reported his crew is working on hauling stone on 200 W between Highway 116 and 900 S with hopes to wrap up next week.

The crew came in on Sunday at 7 a.m. and finished around 1:30 p.m. due to the roads.

They are still winterizing trucks but are almost completed.

Mr. Caffee is working with Surveyor, Paul Norr, and started hauling riprap yesterday. The Highway Department furnished two trucks to haul the materials. The riprap will work well for Paul's projects but the Highway Department will not get much use out of it.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Superior Court

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported the wall at Superior Court is back up and he will paint it on Friday.

Courthouse

Yesterday oil was leaking from the boilers and the contractor was contacted for fixing.

Service Complex

Mr. Stimpson reported the second floor offices will get the carpets cleaned on Friday.

IN RE: TREASURER

Treasurer, Tom Krueckeberg, met with the board for approval of holding a tax certificate sale in 2020. After the fall tax sale, we do a certificate sale on the properties that do not sell. There were eight properties that did not sell. The County has three options; give away, sell for \$1, or give to a not for profit. The certificate sale will be held in late March or early April 2020.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the Treasurer's recommendation to move forward. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-12

Resolution 2019-12, a resolution establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' Sale to sell tax certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes was read by short title.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept the short title reading of Resolution 2019-12. Motion carried.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve Resolution 2019-12. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve SRI to provide services listed on Resolution 2019-12. Motion carried.

Office Closing

Mr. Krueckeberg asked permission to close the office on December 11th from 11 to 1 p.m. to take his staff out to lunch.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of closing the Treasurer's Office on December 11th from 11 to 1 p.m. Motion carried.

IN RE: JUSTICE PARTNERS GRANT

Drug Court Coordinator, Kelly Sickafoose, and Superior Court Judge, Pat Miller, asked for approval of the Justice Partners Federal Grant. The Court Reform Grant was awarded to Superior Court in 2019 for \$67,755.18 to allow Drug Court and Probation to hire one full-time probation officer. This grant will pay the salary, fringes and benefits for this position. The Court Reform Grant is no longer available for this type of expense and expires on December 31, 2019. Kelly and the judge applied for the Justice Partners Grant which begins on December 1, 2019 and expires on November 30, 2020.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the grant that was applied for with the monies coming from the grant or other Drug Court funding. Motion carried.

IN RE: CLERK

Clerk, Jim Voglewede, requested permission to hire a replacement for the Traffic Deputy Clerk who has accepted a position at the Sheriff's Department.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval to replace the Traffic Deputy Clerk position. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney, Mark Burry, was not present.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for November 26, 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