

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met April 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Kim Fruechte was present via telephone conferencing. The Auditor will type their signature in and add an s after to represent signing. Rex Moore was not in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for March 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the minutes of the special emergency meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' and Adams County Council Minutes on April 6, 2020. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for April 7, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$311,790.63 for the pay period ending April 3, 2020. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the claims totaling \$709,714.89 to be paid 4/15/2020. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding renewal request for April 13, 2020, in the amount of \$10,551.01 (Medical \$10,693.98 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Recovered Refund \$17.97 & Reversed EFTs \$125.00). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of payment for the May 2020 consulting fee with Shafley Plan Management in the amount of \$2,916.67. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to accept into record the March 2020 report from the Treasurer of Adams County. Motion carried.

Certificate of Appointment

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented the certificate of appointment for Sandy Voglewede as the Soil and Water Director. The term commences on April 1, 2020 and is extended to August 1, 2020.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the certificate of appointment for Sandy Voglewede. Motion carried.

Joint Resolution 2020-6

A JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES DURING THE EFFECTIVE TERM OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-08 ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA ORDERING ALL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY LIVING IN INDIANA TO STAY AT HOME OR THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND TO ESTABLISH AND DEFINE ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE DURATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-08.

The Joint Resolution 2020-5 was given the incorrect resolution number during the April 6, 2020 joint special emergency meeting.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to correct Resolution 2020-5 and change it to Resolution 2020-6, seconded by Doug Bauman. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, submitted for signature the contract with Jutte Excavating for \$276,588.00 for the rehabilitation of bridge B-133. The E-Verify Affidavit, performance payment bond, and certificate of insurance was also presented. The project is located on 000 between 500 S and 550 S. The project should begin at the end of July and completed by September 1, 2020.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to approve the contract with Jutte Excavating for \$276,588.00. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkey updated the board on the bridge B-100 project located on 300 W between 100 S and 200 S. Due to the cold weather the approaches will not be paved until late next week. It is too cold for surface asphalt.

Rehabilitation of culvert C-191 located on 750 S between 300 W and 400 W begins today and should last 2 to 3 weeks. Fleming Excavating will be the contractor for the project. The Highway Department has prepared the one-mile section to be changed from gravel to chip and seal after the project is completed.

Jutte Excavating will begin the culvert C-411 project located on Piqua Road on Thursday. The road will take 3 weeks more or less to complete.

Next week, the bids to replace culvert C-234 located on 350 W between Winchester Road and US 27 will be opened at 10 a.m. Mr. Barkey has contacted the contractors on how they are to submit their bids.

Highway Projects

Last week the bids were opened to pave, wedge and level on 500 S between US 27 and 000. One bid was received and the arithmetic was in order. Mr. Barkey recommended awarding the project to Brooks Construction for \$296,026.00.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, approval to award the project to Brooks Construction for \$296,026.00. Motion carried.

IN RE:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported Tim and he had a conference call with Kimley Horn, out of Indianapolis, Indiana, on a project located on 1200 S. Tim suggested pursuing a sheet piling option and Kimley Horn agreed. They will need to get a survey and soil borings. Brad will get a quote from Miller Land Surveying. He would like the board's blessing to continue to pursue this. He will have figures next week on the survey and soil borings. They are working on getting a permit for the project.

Kim Fruechte and Doug Bauman agreed to consent Brad to pursue the project.

The department is grading and stoning roads in the north half of the county.

IN RE:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported there is nothing in the works due to the pandemic.

Council on Aging

Mr. Burkhalter reported on behalf of Michelle Lengerich that the Council on Aging will be closed until May 4th.

IN RE:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – COVID-19

Public Health Nurse, Holly Degitz; Sanitarian, Jessica Bergdall; and Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, updated the board on COVID-19 in Adams County.

Jessica Bergdall reported EMA Director, John August, found a vendor in Fort Wayne to purchase PPE for first responders and jailers. To date they have purchased medical masks, gowns, and shields at a cost of \$5,412.25. These will be used by jail personnel, fire departments first responders, and police. They are attempting to have the District 3 Health Care Coalition purchase an additional 1-month supply of PPE for responders. This will be at no cost to the District 3 counties.

At the request of Decatur Mayor, Dan Rickord, they are working on setting up weekly situation conference calls with county, city, health and hospital leaders as well as EMA and the Sheriff. They will be using Microsoft Team.

They are working on scheduling another month of security for the hospital. They are also working on the possibility of a Memorandum of Understanding to help Coroner, Leslie Cook.

Holly Degitz reported Adams County has had their first death from COVID-19 and there are 6 positives in the county. The first diagnosed case entered the hospital on March 9th and came home on Good Friday. Easter weekend was busy and the Sheriff helped take care of the pandemic situations. Holly has been in direct contact with Dan and they are working through issues which is going really well. A press release will be put out to be mindful that it is in the community and will state what the symptoms are. Individuals are asked to stay home and if they meet the testing criteria call the hospital before going to the hospital. Test kits are limited! Individuals should continue social distancing, hand washing, do not touch eyes, nose, mouth, and ears, use hand sanitizer, and wear cloth masks. Masks should be washed after every use.

Sheriff Mawhorr expressed concern and advised people to not believe everything thing they hear on social media. Deputies have been responding to false information which is taking up unnecessary time. Individuals can get the correct information on the State of Indiana website. His department is working things out the best they can and learning as they go along.

Commissioner Bauman asked if they felt comfortable that we have gone to all lengths to warn the family of the deceased of recommendations of what should be done. Holly reported that after several attempts to contact the family the family replied late Saturday evening. The family is aware of the proper steps to follow and isolation is a must. The individual did not tell the family that they had the virus and the family has been exposed. Sheriff Mawhorr conferred with Holly's response and commented that he and Holly personally went to the residence. They are not sure why the individual did not inform his family.

Commissioner Bauman expressed appreciation of the teamwork of all the health monitoring done by the public safety departments.

Attorney, Mark Burry, advised Holly to get a county owned cell phone. A personal cell phone should not be given out to county residents. Adams County is communicating through the press and the community has to inform themselves through media. He did not recommend sending out a mass letter to the community. Individuals need to take the responsibility of finding the correct information.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 2020-7

SHORT TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-9 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF INDIANA, WHICH DESIGNATES LEGAL HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY COUNTY OFFICES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020, was read by County Attorney, Mark Burry.

Mr. Burry stated this is how it stands now and it could possibly be changed if the government directs. Employees are to work May 5th as it will not be considered a holiday in 2020.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of Resolution 2020-7 for the designation of legal holidays for calendar year 2020. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-8

SHORT TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ROLLOVER OF EMPLOYEE VACATION TIME UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DUE TO COVID-19 RELATED CANCELATIONS, was read by County Attorney, Mark Burry.

Employees must fill out a waiver and it must be signed by both the department head and employee.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for approval of Resolution 2020-8 for the COVID-19 related vacation cancelations. Motion carried.

Regular Meetings of the Adams County Commissioners for Calendar Year 2020

Due to the date change for the Primary Election, the Commissioners approved changing their meeting dates for 2020. The board will meet on May 5th instead of May 6th and will meet on June 3rd instead of June 2nd.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for April 14, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

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

Kim A. Fruechte/s
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore/s
Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman