

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 14, 2020 at 11:00 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. Absent was Adams County Auditor, Mary Beery.

IN RE: MINUTES

Commissioner Fruechte added under the Environmentalist to the last sentence "and to personally meet with the homeowners".

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the amended Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for July 7, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Allied Health Insurance funding renewal request for July 13, 2020, in the amount of \$31,671.85 (Medical \$4,049.53 & Pharmacy \$30,438.79 & Stop Loss \$-2,816.47). Motion carried.

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

**Workman's Compensation**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of paying out of the regular claim cycle the claim to Eastern Alliance Insurance Company (Workman's Comp), in the amount of \$9,200.33. Motion carried.

**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$36,614.97 for the claims that were paid 7/13/20. Motion carried.

**Cares Act**

Claims Deputy, Brianna Brodbeck, met to update the Commissioners on the Cares Act. The Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification has not been filed yet by Adams County. She filled it out yesterday and it needs to be signed by the chief executive officer to be able to draw money from the Cares Act. Mrs. Brodbeck said through Cares we get 100% reimbursement and FEMA is only 75% reimbursement.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to sign the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brodbeck said she would have everything ready to be approved next week. Once submitted, it will be a 14-day turnaround. We will also be submitting for the Adams Public Library. Claims can be submitted through December 30 of this year for reimbursement. The Commissioners thanked her for keeping track of this.

**Sheriff**

Mr. Bauman said the 2020 Commissary report was submitted to the Commissioners.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported last week that he opened one bid from KBL Transport LLC, in the amount of \$29,973.88. This is for three bridges B-23, B-51, and B-93 that need riprap placed around the footings. Mr. Barkey recommends awarding the bid to KBL.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to award the bid to KBL Transport, LLC in the amount of \$29,973.88.

Mr. Barkey reported Jutte Excavating started Bridge B-133 located on 000 between 500 S & 550 S. The beams are scheduled to be delivered tomorrow.

**South Adams Trail Project**

Mr. Barkey said the contractor asked for an additional 30 days to complete the project. This would change it from June 30 to July 30, 2021 and there would be no additional costs. They lost time due to high water. Mr. Barkey presented change order #2 with the time change.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve change order #2. Motion carried

Mr. Barkey presented change order #1. He signed this back in April but wanted to make the Commissioners were aware of it. This was a change of the type of asphalt used on the trail. This is at no cost and will not change contract.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Buried Permits**

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, submitted a permit from BSM LLC for Mediacom. They want to bury a fiber optic cable located at 2712 E 600 N, Decatur IN.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the permit from BSM LLC. Motion carried.

**Highway**

Mr. Yoder, reported last week he opened bids for the cold storage building. He recommends the bid from Arnold Lumber, in the amount of \$118,500.00, as the lowest responsible bidder.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to award the bid to Arnold Lumber, in the amount of \$118,500.00. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2020-8**

Ordinance 2020-8, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF INDIANA, WHICH AMENDS ORDINANCE 2016-14 PROVIDING FOR DUST CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR THE ADAMS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, was presented for adoption.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to adopt Ordinance 2020-8. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported that with the doors being locked, a couple of departments had a couple taxpayers that were upset because they could only enter in one door. He said some of the surrounding counties have only one entrance. It is easier to keep one entrance sanitized during the day verses the whole facility. Commissioner Fruechte said this is for safety to have one door entrance open. Commissioner Moore said since we are still under Governor’s Executive Order 4.5, we should keep it to one entrance.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to keep the doors as they are. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADAMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Scott Smith, MD, CEO; Dane Wheeler, CFO; and Adam Miller, hospital attorney, were not present and requested to be removed from the agenda.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

**Monthly Report**

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the June 2020 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 28 residents at the home. The report shows \$48,985.92 was received in room and board funds. There were no admissions and 2 discharges and currently 18 males and 10 females at the home.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Golden Meadows report for June 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections’ Director, Ian Gilbert, met with the Commissioners to give a mid-year advisory board report. The numbers are right on pace this year even with the shutdown with Covid. During Covid, he divided his staff in half to work every other day in the office. That way if someone came down with Covid it would only affect half of the office staff. The days they worked from home, they had laptops that they could access their work.

The Sheriff, Community Corrections and Judge worked together. During Covid, they got eight people out of the jail early and were able to put them into the work release program. Those people transitioned back into society. Currently they have 45 or 46 people that are still in the program. They are getting many referrals from the courts so the numbers will rise.

The RISQ program was affected due to the schools closing due to Covid. The numbers on the report presented reflected when the students were in school.

The Community Transition Program (CTP) is a State program. hey have the Judge, Probation officer, and Community Corrections decided if the candidate would work for the program.

IN RE: 2021 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRANT

Community Corrections Director, Ian Gilbert; Chief Probation Officer, Jack Odle; Superior Court Judge, Pat Miller; Drug Court Coordinator, Kelly Sickafoose; Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr; and Adams Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Representatives, Megan Cearns and Baldemar Silva, met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2021 grant request for the Indiana Department of Corrections Grant.

Mr. Gilbert reported that they are ready to submit the grant request to the State this Friday. They should hear what gets approved in September. The funds will start 1/1/2021.

Mrs. Sickafoose said they were surprised last year because they got a 5% salary increase that they did not ask for. There are over 100 programs in the State. Not every county has a program and some counties have more than one program.

The 2021 IDOC Grant requests is as follows.

Adams County Community Corrections	\$324,670.00
Adams County Probation	\$73,036.00
Adams County Drug Court	\$98,415.00
Adams County Sheriff Department	\$50,000.00
Total	\$546,121.00

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval to support the submission of the 2021 Department of Corrections grant. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff Mawhorr reported that there has been an increase in accidents that involve 17-20 year olds. Several accidents were fatal. He wants the public to make the Sheriff's department aware of any parties with alcohol that may have underage people drinking. His deputies on duty can check out any concerns. The underage drinking is on the rise and is becoming a problem.

There have been 6 vehicle break-ins on the west side of Adams County and 11 on the east side of Wells County. People need to keep their vehicles locked and turn on your porch lights. Sheriff Mawhorr said we have a great community and we all need to work together.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said before he submits the grant ordinance for approval he would like department heads to review it.

IN RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Bauman said Dr. Judge retired and is no longer on the hospital board. They were sent resumes of four good candidates and they reviewed them.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, to request that Dr. Scott E. Lehman be appointed to the Hospital Board, seconded by Rex Moore. Motion carried.

Appointer	Position	Term beginning	Term ending
Commissioners	Hospital Board Trustee	7/14/2020	12/31/2021

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, the meeting for July 14, 2020 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