

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 28, 2020 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 Adams County Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Adams 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 July 21, 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 request for July 20, 2020, with a credit amount of \$1,973.21 (Medical \$0.00 & Pharmacy \$0.00) and a funding request for July 27, 2020, in the amount of \$9,742.13 (Medical \$11,715.34 & Pharmacy \$0.00) for a funding total of \$9,742.13. 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 August 2020. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$49,014.85; PPO fees \$996.00; admin fees \$2,481.60; June RC ID fee \$15; for a premium total of \$52,507.45. Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,566,971.22 in the checking and reserve accounts.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, reported that there are fewer doctors in the Lutheran Network. The Auditor reached out to Allied and Shafley Plan Management to investigate networks that include Parkview. Shafley Plan Management response was, "Findley has agreed to a fee cap of \$25,000 to assess these networks: Etna, Lutheran, Parkview & Three Rivers". Mr. Burry said the \$25,000 fee can be paid out of the health reserve account.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to approve the network study by Findley and not to exceed \$25,000.00, which is to be paid out of the health reserve account. Motion carried.

Masks

There have been employees questioning about employees wearing facemasks due to the Governors' Executive Order. Mr. Bauman said all employees must wear a facemask when social distancing cannot happen. If you do not want to wear a mask, you still cannot work from home. Commissioner Fruechte said this is the safety for all people and we need to abide by the governors' executive order. It is a tough world and employees must abide by the law.

Comp Time Report for 2nd Quarter 2020

The comp time report for 2nd quarter period ending 6/30/2020 was presented with a report detailing comp time for all departments. There is a separate listing with employees over 80 hours of accrued time.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for acknowledgment of the reports from the Auditor showing the acquired hours of compensating time for the period ending 6/30/2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENTS

The Commissioners received a letter from the Adams County Library director, Kelly Ehinger, to appoint Linda Schwartz as the replacement for JD Keller for the Adams Public Library System Board of Trustees. JD Keller has moved outside of the district requiring him to step down. Linda Schwartz would fulfill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2020.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to appoint Linda Schwartz to fill the expiring term of JD Keller as member of the Adams Public Library Board of Trustee. Motion carried.

Appointer	Position	Term beginning	Term ending	Appointee
Commissioners	Adams Public Library System Board	7/28/2020	12/31/2022	Linda Schwartz

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the paving approaches would begin next week on the bridge located on 000 Road. Once completed the guardrails will be installed. This road will be closed 1.5 to 2 more weeks.

The covered bridge inspection was done last year. There are a few loose joints on it and Mr. Barkey contacted Jutte excavating. They are looking into this and will follow up.

Mr. Barkey said he will be asking for quotes to scour three bridges in the county. One bridge is located in St. Mary's river and two bridges are in Wabash River. Engineers have until today to submit their interest for this project. Scouring does not affect the bridges. This project will be paid out of cum bridge funds. They will choose an engineer by their qualifications and then will talk about price. Then they can bid out the project.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, said a County Highway Employee's wife passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. He would like permission to close down his department for 2 hours. This will allow his department to

attend the funeral service. If an employee chooses not to attend, then they will stay at the department and work. Her funeral is on Thursday at 10 A.M.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval for the Highway Department to close for 2 hours on Thursday for his department to attend the funeral. Motion carried.

There are 16 miles of chip and sealing left to do. The weather has slowed the work down. He has crews mowing.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Complex Building

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the old flagpole and footer was removed. The new footer was installed and are waiting for it to cure.

Veteran Service Officer, Rob Bollenbacher, asked if there would be a dedication to the new flagpole. The board asked Rick to get with Mr. Bollenbacher to schedule a dedication and to advise the Commissioners of when it will be.

Barry Scherer's office is now moved to the second floor. Future plans for his old office would be to move the food bank in that area. This will save food bank time and the location will help save the elevator.

Mr. Burkhalter said there were good candidates that were interviewed for the custodian position and should have someone picked tomorrow.

Courthouse

The monument on the west side was sprayed and cleaned. It looks very nice. He also widened the sidewalk at the Courthouse. He did this when they poured the footer to the flagpole located at the Complex Building.

All fire extinguishers are up to date in the following three buildings; Complex, Superior Court and Courthouse.

IN RE: SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

Eric Heshner & Doug Ahlfeld, from Renewable Energy Systems, made a presentation on their energy savings project. They do the engineering, procurement & construction of the systems. Everything is done through RES. They do not contract out. They serve NE Indiana, SW Ohio & SE Michigan. They recommend the ground mount for the jail. The system will be built with galvanized material. They would service the system and check wiring of the units one to two times a year. The Complex building would have a study done to make sure the roof will hold the panels. They would frame the panels and it would sit on the roof. Commissioner Fruechte asked how the roof would get fixed if we have the panels on it. Mr. Heshner said they are very easily assembled, so they could remove the panels in the area of the roof that needs fixed. The panels are spaced with 12 inches apart and the panels are angled at 7 degrees. Mr. Fruechte asked if these are grounded if they would be hit by lightning. Mr. Ahlfeld said they are grounded.

Mr. Ahlfeld said they recommend the jail use 1.5 to 2 acres of land. If you put white stone underneath the panels this will increase the efficiency by 15-20 percent. Commissioner Bauman asked if there was a yearly maintenance fee. They maintain these systems at least one time per year. They monitor these remotely. If they need to come out for maintenance, it would cost \$1500 - \$2000.

The panels would produce 85-95 percent of power that the jail uses. The only time it does not produce power is if it is raining or snowing. Mr. Heshner said the panels generate the most power between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anytime there is more power generated that is used by the facility by law it must be sent back to your power company and they will credit your account. They will credit you with the amount that is changed. The panels have a warranty of 30 years, but can last 40 yrs.

Mr. Bauman asked what the next step is. Mr. Heshner said we would have to provide the meters used and they will get the information. Mr. Bauman asked if there is a cost. Mr. Heshner said yes, there is a cost due to the engineering and time to prepare data. They could provide pictures and cost of other projects they have done at no cost.

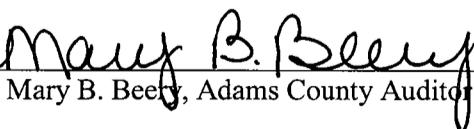
Mr. Bauman said he does not feel comfortable putting panels on the complex building. He asked them to start a study with the electric bills with the jail & highway department. Commissioner Fruechte agrees.

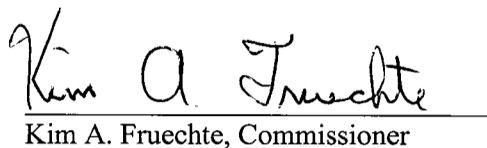
Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to allow Renewable Energy Systems to do their study on the Jail & Highway Department.

IN RE: ADJOURN

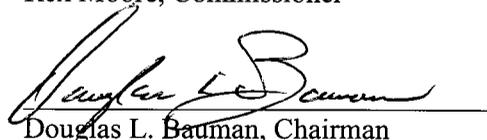
Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for July 28, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mary B. Beety, Adams County Auditor


Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner


Rex Moore, Commissioner


Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman