

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 15, 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 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 September 8, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$311,347.78 for the pay period ending September 4, 2020. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$281,011.35 to be paid September 16, 2020. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the Allied health insurance funding request for September 8, 2020, in the amount of \$62,744.44 (Medical \$29,860.48 & Pharmacy \$34,926.94 & Recovered Refund Credit \$2,042.98) and health insurance funding for September 14, 2020, in the amount of \$14,721.02 (Medical \$14,860.02 & Pharmacy \$0.00 & Recovered Refund Credit \$139.00) Motion carried.

There is currently a combined total of \$2,853,542.96 in the checking and reserve accounts.

Performance Evaluation

The Performance Evaluation form was presented by Stan Stoppenhagen for approval. Sheriff Mawhorr suggested the forms be submitted by May 1st of each year. This would set the evaluation period from May 1st through April 30th of each calendar year. Mr. Stoppenhagen stated wages will be based on the performance evaluation and a college degree. Rick Burkhalter suggested having department heads do an evaluation on new hires at 30, 60, and 90 day increments. Mark Burry stated a disciplinary item should be on the form to show how the action was resolved.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve subject to the additions suggested by Mark Burry, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, was not in attendance.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MVH/Local Road & Street

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented the monthly MVH and Local Road & Street report to the Commissioners stating the MVH and the LRS funds have decreased from last year.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept the September 2020 MVH and Local Road & Street report into record. Motion carried.

Department

Mr. Yoder reported the North Pointe and Chapel Chase have been micro-surfaced and the trees have been trimmed.

Brooks Construction began working on 500 S. The culvert is being replaced and they are wedge and leveling the area.

The crew is patching roads, trimming trees, and mowing.

Mr. Yoder wanted to remind all farmers to please check intersections for visibility due to high crops.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported the air handler coil will be changed next week in Circuit Court at the Courthouse.

The department will be trimming bushes and pulling weeds around all three facilities.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING

Subdivision

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, presented the following subdivision for approval:

2 lot subdivision known as the Bohnke Subdivision, located on 900 N and 500 E / Section 17 / Union Township.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the Bohnke Subdivision was approved. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

Mr. Wynn presented the monthly report for August 2020 showing that there had been:

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	3	\$825,007
Residential Additions	6	\$391,000

Unattached Buildings	23	\$538,900
Addition to Unattached Buildings	3	\$51,000
Agricultural Buildings	1	\$43,000
Commercial Construction	2	\$218,500
New Electrical Service	1	\$2,000
Electrical Upgrade	1	\$2,000
Remodels	2	\$36,000
Ponds	1	\$15,000
Total Permits	43	Total dollar value \$2,122,407

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve the monthly report for August 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

IN RE: CLERK

Clerk, Jim Voglewede, met to discuss the implementation of the Odyssey System. On August 19, 2019, the courts switched from CSI to the Odyssey Case Management System. On July 27, 2020, it was discovered that judgments were not being entered correctly by both courts. Both courts were contacted of the error. Circuit Court made the changes and corrected them. On August 4, 2020, Judge Miller sent a letter to the Clerk that Superior Court would not enter the judgments and the Clerk’s Office must do the job. Mr. Voglewede contacted Mark Burry and Julie Marie Brown. On August 10, 2020, Mr. Burry sent a letter to the judge requesting a meeting to discuss the issue. On August 28, 2020, Mr. Voglewede sent a letter to the judge. Pat Miller wanted to know who would be in attendance. The judge informed the Clerk that he cannot and will not meet without his attorney. Mr. Voglewede reported the Clerk’s Office can do the work due to Jamie’s unique knowledge since she worked previously in the court system.

Doug Bauman stated if there was an issue with both courts and Circuit Court was able to complete and correct the work; why can’t Superior Court do the same.

Pat Miller replied the court wasn’t trained on the new system. Miller added it is a keystroke entry into the system. His court pushes through and in 2019, the court had 3,748 civil, criminal, and traffic hearings combined. The clerk has to make entries anyways and all he is asking is that the Clerk’s Office makes the keystroke. This is something that both the Clerk and court are required to do. Miller added he simply asked the Clerk to do this to keep the workload down for Superior Court. His court never leaves at 4:30 p.m. and carry 100 hours of comp time. Miller has spoken with the Supreme Court Attorneys and Odyssey, and the system can be set up for the Clerk to do the work.

Doug Bauman asked what has changed since CSI was in existence on August 19, 2019? The judge replied, no one realized that this was not being done or not covered well during training. Carrie Freeman stated that the court never did this before, the Clerk did. Jamie Wetter stated that there was proper training and Shelly Landrum was entering them before. Mrs. Wetter added that judgments have always been entered by the court.

Doug Bauman asked, why are we discussing this in a Commissioners meeting?

Jim Voglewede replied that Mark Burry and Julie Marie Brown have been helping in the situation. They felt the Council and Commissioners should be aware that the situation could cause litigation.

Mark Burry advised to have the meeting and if additional training is needed get it done. All involved need to cooperate and make the system work.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, stated he has spoken with Barnes and Thornburg on taking competitive bids for the solar panels. Adams County is required to have specifications, advertise, and take bids. Mr. Burry will speak with Renewable Energy’s and Dave Scholl of Elevatus. Adams County will be able to finance through Indiana Bond Bank. Mark will send the information to Council before the October meeting.

Commissioner Fruechte said the system must be up and running by July 1, 2021 in order to get the credits. Mr. Burry responded that this is not necessarily true and we will clarify it but we are mindful of that date.

Stan Stoppenhagen mentioned that Council can participate in any way necessary.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, reported he is looking into a water softener at a facility. The water at the jail is hard and is partly by design. They do not use enough water for the current system and they are averaging 15 to 16 in hardness. He will go before Council in October for funding. The electrical type system did not work and valves and plugs have been changed. The City of Decatur says the new water treatment plant will not help remedy the issue. Sheriff Mawhorr received the following quotes stating they should be able to remedy the issue.

Step Saver, Avon, IN	\$56,000
Hattersley and Son, Fort Wayne, IN	\$71,000

Barry Scherer mentioned that he will work with the Sheriff as he has contacts that can offer advice.

IN RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Director, Barry Scherer, reported the bids went well and everything is going good. All five projects are a go and should begin in December.

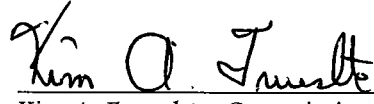
IN RE: COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Moore submitted an invoice for \$2,206.96 on behalf of the IT Department. The invoice is for three HP Procure 4 port 10 GB machines at a cost of \$725 per item. The invoice will be paid from the IT budget (1000-38400.000.9600) and there is still \$10,000 in the line item.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for September 15, 2020 was adjourned.
Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor



Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner



Rex Moore, Commissioner



Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman