

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met October 13, 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 County Auditor, Mary Beery as she was in the County Council Meeting.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for October 6, 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 \$313,048.11 for the pay period ending October 2, 2020. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the claims totaling \$414,902.67 to be paid October 14, 2020. Motion carried.

**Utilities**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the utility claims totaling \$32,234.71 for the claims that were paid 10/9/2020. Motion carried.

**Comp Time Report for 3rd Quarter 2020**

The comp time report for 3rd quarter period ending 9/30/2020 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 9/30/2020. Motion carried.

**Maximus**

The agreement from Maximus that was approved on September 22<sup>nd</sup> had a couple changes made by the County Attorney, Mark Burry. Maximus reviewed this and updated the agreement. Mr. Burry reviewed and approved the new changes. Maximus sent us an updated agreement for signature.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the updated contract with Maximus. Motions carried.

IN RE: PROBATION

Chief Probation Officer, Jack Odle, met with the Commissioners to ask permission to purchase plane tickets. Over the weekend, they detained a juvenile from Kansas City. They have five days to return them home. We will be reimbursed the costs.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for permission to purchase the plane tickets to Kansas City to return the juvenile. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Cumulative Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, reported the road for Culvert C-324 they hope to have the road opened by end of week. Scouring bridges on B-105, B-152 & B-150 has started. Mr. Barkey will open bids for C-409 on October 27.

Mr. Barkey will be having the yearly engineer conference next week. This will be virtual given by Purdue. It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday – Wednesday. He will not be able to attend next week's Commissioners meeting.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Department**

Highway Assistant Superintendent, Jaron Brodbeck, reported the department is mowing side ditches and hopes to start berming the side of roads next week.

**Permit**

Mr. Brodbeck submitted a permit and installation requirements from United Telephone Company to run cable located on 350 N which is 590 feet west of 650 E in St. Mary's Township

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the permit and installation requirements from United Telephone Company. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**Complex Building**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, said the servers were moved from the Jail to Complex Building. The servers were installed but the room still cannot keep cool enough. IT and their board will be going to County Council to speak to them. With the AC units, we may need another or a bigger generator. Our current generator cannot cover the new servers. Commissioners asked Mr. Burkhalter to check into this. He said that maybe we will need to add another A/C unit & put a generator next to the units just to cover them only. That will cause the current area to be expanded.

IN RE: ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/UNITED WAY

Adams County Community Foundation, Coni Mayer, and United Way of Adams County, Jessica Thieme, met with the board to give a review of their programs. They have been helping people and non-profits with financial assistance. Mrs. Mayer said they help parents that need to cover for daycares when schools close. Also, parents that cannot work due to being quarantined because of COVID. Parents have to decide what bills they will pay. Currently the program is on pause. They may consider opening up funds again and people could file requests, only if they see a need and a request from people. They have granted 39 applicants in the amount of \$10,628.39. They have denied 25 applicants due to them not being COVID related, making them not eligible.

Mrs. Thieme said they received a Lilly Endowment grant for \$200,000. This will need to be spent by end of 2021 or they will have to return the balance. They have granted 25 applicants in the amount of \$93,430. This has helped the non-profits because they could not do their normal fundraisers. They are trying to help as many organizations and people as possible.

IN RE: BUILDING & PLANNING  
**Monthly Report**

Mark Wynn, Building & Plan Commission Director, presented the monthly report for September 2020 showing that there had been:

TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER OF PERMITS	DOLLAR VALUE OF PERMITS
Single Family Residence	2	\$180,000
Residential Additions	3	\$193,500
Unattached Buildings	21	\$816,500
Addition to Unattached Buildings	7	\$74,800
Pools	2	\$117,500
Addition to Commercial	1	\$215,000
New Electrical Service	4	\$33,000
Electrical Upgrade	5	\$103,312
Remodels	2	\$30,600
Ponds	6	\$88,500
Total Permits	53	Total dollar value \$1,852,712

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

IN RE: CONCERNED TAXPAYERS

Property owners present were John Lee, Rex Strickler, Greg Voglewede, Leah Springer, Pat & Carol Young, City of Decatur Mayor, Dan Rickord, and City of Decatur Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman.

The property owners have concerns with their water issues as they live near the City of Decatur new water plant. Two wells are located off 600 N & two wells are off 550 N east of the city. Leah Springer said she woke up on September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> with no water. They have been having pressure issues. They have had several maintenance service calls done to their well. Their water is brown and cloudy. They are concerned the water may be contaminated. They have done some testing but have not received the results back. Greg Voglewede presented a sample of water that is coming out of his well. His water level has dropped 23 feet since the City started pumping water out of the new wells for the water plant. His sump pit & plumbing is damaged due to the type of water coming into his house.

Carol Young noticed a few weeks ago that orange water is coming into their home. She has dirty water but has not had pressure issues. They are concerned about their livestock as they drink this water. They got their water tested but have not received the results yet.

Kevin Hackman said the city had redrilled wells for a few homeowners to help with the pressure and depth in their wells. Mayor, Dan Rickord said it is upsetting what they are going through. They started this process six years ago to find where to get water. Their obligation is to supply water to the city residences. The old wells would not produce the amount of water was needed. He thinks that when the wells were drilled sediments fell in the wells and the sediments have not settled. Mr. Rickord does care and he is waiting on test results to see what is going on. He is trying to rush the test results. Mr. Hackman has spoken to DNR & IDEM. DNR covers wells as they govern all private wells.

Mr. Hackman is trying to get the wells to the levels needed. The city will redrill wells if needed.

Commissioner Bauman said that they appreciate their concerns but we do not have jurisdiction on this. Commissioner Fruechte asked if the city is helping to supply water to those affected. Mr. Hackman said they would help them as much as possible. He will be preparing a letter to notify residences of what is going on. The Commissioners told them to contact the Health Department to see if they can help or may have contacts they can give them.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented the following ordinance.

**Ordinance 2020-12**

ORDINANCE 2020-12, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF INDIANA, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF FUNDS BY THE ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Ordinance 2020-12. Motion carried.

IN RE: IT

IT Director, Mike Brown, met with the Commissioners to update them on the move of servers from the Jail to the Complex Building on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The current air conditioners cannot cool the temperatures enough in the server room. One third of the equipment was already located here & they moved the other two thirds here. The temperatures in the room keep going up. It is not adequate enough for the equipment now. Mr. Brown called Judd from Don Myers. He was brought in to measure and see what is needed. He presented a quote for two additional air conditioners and installation in the amount of \$54,586.53. He has not been able to get ahold of Gene Bleeke for an electrical quote.

Mr. Brown reported that in his past work experience he has had two instances when the air conditioning went out and it took 15 minutes for temperatures to get to 120 degrees. Mr. Brown said the temperatures in the server room would need to be 67 degrees with 40-50 percent humidity. The room will need to be fire suppression and no outside air can come into the room.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said there is not enough funds appropriated in the Cum Cap Fund. They will need to ask for an additional and the Auditor will need to advertise it. The other items would also need to be quoted and then advertised. Mr. Burry stated that this is a special emergency purchase because we could not afford to lose our data center. With this situation, they can make this purchase under IC Code 5-22-10-4 & 5-22-10-8.

Commissioner Bauman said he would like the air conditioners on the ground. A cement pad will need to be poured and a fence around it. The tree will need to be removed. They do not want the air conditioners to be mounted on the side of the building in case there is a leak or work that needs done to the brick. The commissioners told Mr. Brown he would need to work with Mr. Burkhalter on the additional materials needed, obtain quotes, and bring back to the commissioners. Mr. Brown will also need to get with Mr. Burkhalter on the generator to make sure it will handle the new AC units.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to purchase the equipment from Don Myers in the amount of \$54,586.53 per IC Code 5-22-10-4 & 5-22-1-8. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, the meeting for October 13, 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