

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman, and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Adams County Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristy Stuckey. Rex Moore was present via telephone conferencing. Absent was 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 22, 2020. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$307,465.86 for the pay period ending September 18, 2020. Motion carried.

Claims

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$593,227.39 to be paid September 30, 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 28, 2020, in the amount of \$80,537.90 (Medical \$56,379.04 & Pharmacy \$24,158.86). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of payment for the Health Insurance Allied Benefits Administrative Service and claims for October 2020. The breakdown of the claim is as follows: medical premium \$49,278.23; PPO fees \$1,014.00; admin fees \$2,526.72; Aug RC ID fee \$20.00; for a premium total of \$52,838.95. Motion carried.

COVID-19

Brianna Brodbeck updated the board on the COVID-19 finances. There are three additional requests for a total amount of \$28,935.66. If everything that has been submitted are approved, there will be a balance of \$8,150.70. We have not received reimbursement for the September 8th and 22nd claims that were submitted. Mrs. Brodbeck reached out and has not received a response back on when we may receive these funds.

Last week we received an email saying that we can submit payroll for reimbursement related to COVID-19 from March 1st to September 30th. Only Public Safety and Health department can submit for reimbursement. They want to put Care claims on hold for now until they figure out how much money is left after approvals. Then they can try to use some for payroll. Departments will need to check before they spend any money that they want to submit through Cares for reimbursement. If we do not have the funds, it will come out of their budget.

Motion by Rex Moore, to approve the update, seconded by Kim Fruechte. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Cares Act Requests List

Request #	Acct. Receiving Monies	Signed @ Commissioners	Sent to IFA	Amount Requested	Amount Received	Received Monies	Quietus	Reimbursed Dept	Check/ACH #
#1	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$53,655.30	\$53,655.30	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#2	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$149,000.00	\$149,000.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#3	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$3,956.78	\$3,956.78	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	CK #49928
#4	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$59.73	\$59.73	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	CK #49928
#5	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$675.00	\$675.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	CK #49928
#6	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$25,082.12	\$20,797.53	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#7	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$3,173.00	\$3,173.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#8	County	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$27,152.60	\$27,152.60	8/10/2020	8/12/2020		
#9	Library	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$2,594.49	\$2,594.49	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	ACH #18573
#10	Commissary	7/21/2020	7/21/2020	\$536.00	\$536.00	8/10/2020	8/12/2020	8/12/2020	CK #49928
#11	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$49,323.68	\$49,323.68	8/31/2020	9/11/2020		
#12	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$4,312.71	\$4,312.71	8/31/2020	9/11/2020		
#13	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$15,615.84	\$15,615.84	8/31/2020	9/11/2020		
#14	County	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$4,311.03	\$4,311.03	8/31/2020	9/11/2020		
#15	Commissary	8/18/2020	8/18/2020	\$1,331.01	\$1,331.01	8/31/2020	9/11/2020	9/17/2020	CK #50047
#16	County	8/25/2020	8/25/2020	\$18,326.94	\$0.00				
#17	County	8/25/2020	8/25/2020	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	9/14/2020	9/15/2020		
#18	County	8/25/2020	8/25/2020	\$2,111.05	\$2,111.05	9/9/2020	9/11/2020		
#19	County	8/25/2020	8/25/2020	\$9,152.82	\$9,152.82	9/14/2020	9/15/2020		
#20	County	9/8/2020	9/8/2020	\$428,361.34					
#21	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$1,740.00					
#22	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$1,190.00					
#23	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$8,530.00					
#24	Commissary	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$49.40					
#25	Library	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$2,574.86					
#26	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$4,031.00					
#27	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$2,352.69					
#28	County	9/22/2020	9/22/2020	\$311,678.28					
#29	County	9/29/2020		\$750.12					
#30	County	9/29/2020		\$27,500.00					
#31	County	9/29/2020		\$685.54					

TOTAL \$1,172,213.33 \$359,758.57

County Total	\$1,160,036.06	\$350,605.56

Allocated	Requested	Remaining
\$1,156,166.00	\$1,148,015.30	\$8,150.70

Clerk of Circuit Court Monthly Report

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to accept into the record the August 2020 report from the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

Cumulative Bridge

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, opened the following bids to replace culvert C-406 located on 350 N between Piqua Road and the state line.

Contractor	Amount	Representative
Fleming Excavating, Decatur, IN	\$57,482.25	No one present
Jutte Excavating, Fort Recovery, OH	\$62,202.00	No one present
KBL Transport, Portland, IN	\$43,170.00	No one present
VTF Excavation, Celina, OH	\$61,400.00	Kyle Vantilburg

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to take the bids under advisement. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Department

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, reported the department is grading in the townships. Patching the roads will be done today. They will be berming roads next week. They are mowing but it is almost complete for this year. They have not had any major issues with the mowers.

IN RE: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Complex Building and Courthouse

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, asked about keeping the doors locked at the Complex Building and Courthouse. The Governor’s Executive Order 20-43 goes through October 17th. Should we wait until November 1st and check back in a couple of weeks?

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to keep the doors locked until November 1st. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS

Monthly Report

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kris Nichols, presented the August 2020 Golden Meadows monthly report stating that there were currently 29 residents at the home. The report shows \$31,821.67 was received in room and board funds. There were 1 admission and no discharges and currently 18 males and 11 females at the home.

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

Bids

Mrs. Nichols said she has two bids for the flooring and workstation in the kitchen. She will be going to council next month to ask for an additional appropriation to cover the cost.

IN RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grants and Loans

Colton Brickel, Adams County Economic Development and Coni Mayer, Adams County Community Foundation, met with the commissioners to update them on the grants report. They offered grants and loans for COVID relief. The money went through the foundation. This is to support small business owners to help them with bills, and other payments that they incurred, but was not getting income to cover them. They provided \$49,700 to help local businesses. Business like spas, salons, hair dressers, entertainment, photography, and dance. They offered 25 loans and grants in Adams County and one in Wells County. City of Decatur did a kick-start on May 22nd and raised \$3,228.00 for this. A person or business can apply for a grant up to \$1,000 and a loan up to \$4,000. The grant does not need to be paid, back but the loan does.

Mrs. Mayor said the foundation and United Way also helped with individual citizens in Adams County. She will come back at a later date and present that information.

Solar

Mr. Brickel wanted to update the Commissioners about solar. He said Inovateus from South Bend Indiana has a partnership just west of Berne. They are working on locking in land options and the deadline is tomorrow. This is for 2,000 contiguous acres. They have executed the land and are putting the info into the system to submit it tomorrow. This is the first step to say they are interested. Next, they will come to the commissioners to discuss with the local government. Adams County does not have a solar ordinance. The conversation would be to discuss options like, flood plain, drainage, utilities, etc. The company wants to see this through and wants to make sure they discuss everything.

Commissioner Bauman asked if they would have to meet with the Plan Commission and not the Commissioners or have a special meeting. County Attorney, Mark Burry, said the Plan Commission would have to decide if this is a permitted use. The county would have to set standards to be met. The Plan Commissioner would need to create an ordinance and get it approved. Then the ordinance will be presented to the commissioners for approval. This would be like the wind turbine ordinance process. Commissioner Bauman asked when Inovateus anticipated of meeting with the county government. Mr. Brickel said he thinks it would be by the end of the year, but he is not sure since he is not their representative.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, said he would need to talk with Tom Engel for the solar project. We need a net metering in place. We need a project in by June 1, 2021. If commissioners consider this project, we need Baker Tilly, an independent company, to do analyses for use. We need to have the revenues to support this project. The solar companies are not looking at all areas and are only looking at the meter readings. We need to make sure this is a cost savings over the 17 years of the payment structure. If not, then the breakeven point will be moved out and would not be beneficial to the county. We need to make sure we do our homework. Commissioner Fruechte said it would be good to look into and get information from the independent company. Mr. Burry contacted Johnson Melloh Solutions and Renewable Energy Systems and told them the county was working on a design build. He sent information to Dave Scholl to have him look and make sure this would not affect an expansion of the jail if needed in the future.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Restricted Address

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, meet with the commissioners to discuss Indiana Code 36-1-8.5 Restricted Addresses. He has an employee that deals with sex offenders and would like to remove her name off the County GIS. Per the Indiana Code, she does not qualify for this. He asked if he could make her a special deputy. County Attorney, Mark Burry said he would have to make her a special deputy because she is not covered under this code.

Jail

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, said he currently has 113 inmates and 13 federal inmates. If we get new arrivals, they must quarantine for 14 days.

The body scanner is up and running. Everyone entering or reentering the building must go through the scanner.

Sheriff Mawhorr has a good stock of PPE's. He has been working with John August in EMA.

The new cars need to be ordered and once ordered hopefully can be delivered in December.

Sheriff Mawhorr said he is looking at a water softener for the jail due to the water condition problem. They have to make sure the boilers can handle it. He will go to council when he gets the information.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for September 29, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Misty Stuckey *chief Deputy Auditor*
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

Kim A. Fruechte
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

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Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman
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