

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Rex Moore, Kim Fruechte, and Doug Bauman; County Attorney, Mark Burry and Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck. County Auditor, Mary Beery, was absent.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for January 15, 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the payroll claims totaling \$286,995.83 for the pay period ending January 11, 2019. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for approval of the claims totaling \$658,694.79 for the period 12/20/2018 to 1/9/2019. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, for Allied Health Insurance funding request for January 21, 2019, in the amount of \$17,660.88 (Medical \$17,660.88). Motion carried.

**Wheel Tax Quarterly Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the quarterly report for 4th quarter 2018 for wheel tax & surtax. Motion carried.

**Weights and Measures Report**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to accept into the record the report by Larry Weaver, Weights and Measures Director, for the period December 16, 2018 to January 15, 2019 stating there had been 5 inspections, with 5 correct and 0 rejected. Motion carried.

**Invoice/Mayors and Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to pay the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana for the 2019 dues of \$1,500.00 out of 1000-068-3000-51. Motion carried. These dues go towards hiring a lobbyist to help with governmental concerns. The cities of Decatur and Berne also had verbally agreed to pay this for their respective cities.

IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT

**Covered Bridge**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, submitted the following claims for approval for culvert C-089 easements to owners: Ann Miller \$225.00, Edward Sprunger \$225.00, Chad Sprunger \$75.00, Tamara Rumschlag \$75.00, Tonya Maag \$75.00, with a total of \$675.00, and Monte D & Janice L Miller with a total of \$250.00.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to pay the above claims. Motion carried.

**Bids**

Mr. Caffee will be opening bids for 2019 paving projects next week. They will have 2 contracts instead of 3 which was originally advertised. After they sent out the information they had addendums for 2 different paving projects for the 5 different roads.

**Stormwater Drainage Conference**

County Engineer, Tim Barkey, requested approval to attend 2019 Stormwater Drainage Conference in February.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore to allow County Engineer, Tim Barkey to attend the 2019 Stormwater Drainage Conference in February. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, made Commissioners aware that the application for permit to install utility facility in Adams County, Indiana right of way will come into the Highway Department. They will then forward them on to the Surveyor's Office. The Surveyor's Office will verify if a tile will be involved. If so, they will let Lonnie at the Highway Department know and he will contact the responsible utility company.

Highway Superintendent, Lonnie Caffee, submitted 6 fiber optic permits for the following roads with Calix Company:

- 650 East beginning at 300 South ending 400 South
- 500 East beginning 400 South ending 300 South
- 500 East beginning 300 South ending 200 South
- 500 East beginning 400 South ending 300 South

200 South beginning 500 East ending Salem Road

100 South beginning 400 East ending 500 East

100 South beginning 500 East ending 600 East

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to approve all the above fiber optic permits. Motion carried.

### **Roads**

Last Friday the department did a lot of prepping for the weekend snow storm, by sanding and salting intersections. Everyone has done an exceptional job of working together. Mr. Caffee wanted to give a public thank you to all of these various departments. The crew came in at 7AM Sunday, with 11 truck running. Two trucks are down for repairs. Only 3 trucks didn't break down during the duration of the day. The crew worked until 6PM Sunday to get roads cleaned up for Monday morning. The county cleans around 1,400 miles of roads. Today they are out working on pushing back roads and sanding and salting intersections. Commissioner Moore asked "how are the new plows working?" Mr. Caffee responded with they are saving us a lot of time but are not made for big drifts so everyone had to put on their V blades because of the various drifts. Jeremy Gilbert, with the City of Decatur, helped out cleaning Peacekeepers Way and the parking lot at the Sheriff's Department. They snow crew is accumulating comp time. Mr. Caffee stated it is too high of a risk to send drivers out when the storms are in progress if they don't have to. They also ran 2 grader trucks in the afternoon on Sunday.

IN RE:

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Stimpson, reported during this bad weather people have to be careful. Hopefully the newspapers can help me inform people, they need to slow down and be mindful of the slippery conditions. We are doing the best we can with salting and plowing. We all need to be aware of the conditions.

IN RE:

### BUILDING & PLANNING

#### **Subdivision**

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

One lot subdivision known as the Green Gables Subdivision, located a quarter mile north County Road 100 N on 500 W in Section 26 of Kirkland Township.

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

One lot subdivision known as the Ned Buchan Subdivision, located on the northeast corner of County Road 900 N on 500 E in Section 16 of Union Township.

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

Five lot subdivision known as the Gladys Maller Subdivision, located on the northeast corner of County Road 700 W and 100 S in Section 4 of French Township.

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

Plan Commission approved a rezone by Fred Lengerich at 383 N 100 W Monroe from ag to C2 pending Commissioners approval.

### IT

IN RE:

County IT Director, Mike Brown, explained some claims to the Commissioners and brought them up to speed on where the IT department is currently at. ENS had set up configuration that was approved by the Council and Commissioners that the jail would hold all the configurator and Berne has the disaster recovery set up. Mike didn't agree with it being down in Berne and he moved in back to the annex building. We are putting money into a system that will only be used in a disaster recovery side. There was almost \$100,000 equipment just sitting in this building we had to buy some more storage to make it work. Mike wants to make the Complex Building the data center for the county rather than over at the jail. The Complex Building for the IT department for the county it is a good building for long term. This would be a records building. Commissioner Bauman asked if the jail is the data center right now? Mike stated yes. Commissioner Bauman is fully supportive of Mikes idea. Will this be the only backup? Mike said they will work on a different back up plan. Mr. Bauman asked how much time do we have for the stuff purchased in 2016? Mr. Brown is hoping for 5 years. Mr. Bauman asked if the funds budgeted for this in the next 2 years? Commissioner Moore, said we are looking to budget these. Commissioner Fruechte asked will this affect any of our south part of the county on dead zones? Mike stated those sort of things isn't covered on our network we are basing those on things such as Verizon and AT&T.

Commissioner Moore received four quotes from Wired that need approval. They are for the inspection of quality of wiring that we have in the Superior Court for the new program, Odyssey. They might have to rewire the Couthouse which would be around \$100,000, but no decision will be made until we get approval. The following quotes are as follows:

Wired quote \$6,550 to take the old wiring out of Superior Court.

Wired quote \$29,150 to take the old wiring out of the Annex.

Wired quote \$2,950 to test wiring in Superior Court.

Wired quote \$6,600.00 for setting up new office for Public Defender.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to move forward with the above quotes from Wired. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY  
County Attorney, Mark Burry, introduced Ordinance 2019-2 by short title only.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore, seconded by Kim Fruechte, to introduce Ordinance 2019-2 by short title only "An Ordinance of the Adams County Board of Commissioners regulating intensive livestock operations, establishing a procedure to obtain a permit for new and existing operations and repealing prior ordinances." Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN  
Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the meeting for January 22, 2019 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

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