

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session on December 31, 2013, with the following members present: Brian Baldrige, Stephen Caraway, and Paul Worley. Clerk Diane Ward was also present.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Brian Baldrige.

It was moved by Stephen Caraway and seconded by Paul Worley to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Caraway, yea Worley, yea

2014 AUDITOR BLANKET TRAVEL APPROVED: RESOLUTION 2013-589

It was moved by Paul Worley and seconded by Stephen Caraway to approve the following travel:

David Gifford 2014 CAAO meetings Dublin, OH 1st Wednesday/month \$105.00 per meeting

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Caraway, yea Worley, yea

Engineer David Hook and Mike Hughes met with the board to discuss the following: blanket travel, force account, and personnel compensation.

2013 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION APPROVED: RESOLUTION 2013-590

It was moved by Brian Baldrige and seconded by Paul Worley to approve the 2013 County Highway System Mileage Certification of 375.814 miles as of December 31, 2013 upon the recommendation of Engineer David Hook.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Caraway, yea Worley, yea

2014 ENGINEER FORCE ACCOUNT APPROVED: RESOLUTION 2013-591

It was moved by Stephen Caraway and seconded by Brian Baldrige to proceed by Force Account in 2014:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADAMS COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED BY FORCE ACCOUNT DURING 2014

WHEREAS, The Board of Adams County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Adams County can best and most efficiently be served by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of Adams County roads, bridges, and culverts; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Adams County, does hereby authorize the Adams County Engineer in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and culverts in Adams County to use the existing county employee forces and proceed by "Force Account" as the County Engineer may determine during the year 2014.

Passed: December 31, 2013

/s/ Brian Baldrige

/s/ Stephen Caraway

/s/ Paul Worley

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Caraway, yea Worley, yea

**ENGINEER BLANKET TRAVEL APPROVED:
RESOLUTION 2013-592**

It was moved by Brian Baldrige and seconded by Paul Worley to approve the following travel resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADAMS COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED BY FORCE ACCOUNT DURING 2014

WHEREAS, Departments of the Adams County Engineer are required to obtain authorization from the Board of Adams County Commissioners to travel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Commissioners: The Adams County Engineer is hereby authorized to authorize all travel for employees of the Engineer’s Office, Highway Department and Tax Map Department in accordance with Section 6.01C and 6.01D of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of the Adams County Engineer

Passed: December 31, 2013

/s/ Brian Baldrige

/s/ Stephen Caraway

/s/ Paul Worley

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea

Caraway, yea

Worley, yea

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**BROWN COUNTY PROSECUTOR APPROVED TO REPRESENT ADAMS COUNTY/WEST FORK ROAD LITIGATION APPROVED:
RESOLUTION 2013-593**

It was moved by Stephen Caraway and seconded by Paul Worley for Brown County Prosecutor Jessie Little to represent Adams County on the West Fork Road litigation and to further instruct Prosecutor Little to file suit in the amount of \$180,000.00 upon the recommendation of County Engineer David Hook and legal counsel.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea

Caraway, yea

Worley, yea

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Clerk of Courts Larry Heller met with the board to discuss the following: personnel, transfers, and postage machine.

The Adams County Commissioners appreciates Clerk Heller for his fiscal responsibility in transferring \$50,000.00 from the Title account for the benefit of County General.

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Adams County Assistant Prosecutor Dana Whalen met with the board to discuss legal issues pertaining to Barnes Sewer taps and EMS funding.

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G.I.S. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSED

Adams County Local Soil & Water Board members Jack Hazelbaker, Director Allan Cluxton, Chester Grooms, Jacob Rhonemus, and Wildlife Specialist Bill Wickerham met with the board to discuss the following:

The board informed those present that the administration of G.I.S. will be changing in 2014. GIS will be established as its own stand-alone department. Ms. Angelena Newman will be required to resign as a Soil & Water employee and will be rehired as a County employee. The commissioners will be in charge of the department with Ms. Newman serving as the director. Ms. Newman will remain as an employee of Adams County Local Soil & Water until 1/26/14. Chief of ODNR is coming to review the GIS Department on January 10th. Ms. Newman will be transferring as a county employee on 1/27/14.

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