

The Adams County Council met November 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, Stan Stoppenhagen, Yvette Weiland, Tony Mellencamp, Cory Sprunger, Keith Blythe, and Steve Bailey; County Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Commissioners, Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore were in attendance as their meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland, seconded by Steve Bailey, the October 13, 2020 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: GOLDEN MEADOWS HOME

Golden Meadows Home Administrator, Kristina Nichols, was contacted via phone as she could not be in attendance. She requested approval for replacing the kitchen island. She received quotes as follows:

- C&T Design and Equipment \$22,679
- Universal Metalcraft \$7,531.00 does not include installation

Mrs. Nichols explained that the kitchen is not sanitary. She recommended using the existing sinks and going with Universal Metalcraft. The entire unit will be stainless steel and the flooring will be repaired. The board expressed concerns with not knowing the installation costs. Mrs. Nichols stated she expects the project to come in around \$11,000 with Universal Metalcraft.

Motion by Cory Sprunger, to postpone until 2021 unless it breaks or there is an emergency, seconded by Steve Bailey. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, presented a letter from Barry Scherer on the deteriorated pipes that are currently in place. The letter states Hattersley submitted the higher quote but he believes it is worth the money and the other quote had errors. Hattersley specifies products and the other quote from Midwest Step Savers does not. This is the most efficient way to solve the hard water problems.

Motion by Tony Mellencamp, to approve \$70,846 to paid from Cumulative Jail because it is causing problems, seconded by Cory Sprunger. Motion carried.

IN RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Regional Sewer District Director, Barry Scherer, updated the board on the district. They released Bobo and others will be released in December. He thanked the board for the loan adding that the district is getting on pretty sound footing. The board agreed that the interest due until the date of payment.

Mr. Scherer reported the treatment agreement with the City of Decatur is working out well. The job description has been completed for another person to help.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

Carrie Freeman, Office Manager of Superior Court, requested approval of the 2021 interpreter grant. This is a State reimbursement grant and the money goes into the general fund.

Motion by Tony Mellencamp, to approve the grant for \$3,000, seconded by Yvette Weiland. Motion carried.

IN RE: CARES UPDATE & ICJI GRANT

Claims Deputy, Brianna Brodbeck, updated the board on CARES and presented the ICJI Grant which was approved for Adams County, in the amount of \$79,868.69. WebEx will replace the current system.

Motion by Dennis Bluhm, to approve the ICJI grant for \$79,868.69, seconded by Steve Bailey. Motion carried.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Environmentalist, Nathan Scherer, discussed replacing the full-time Food Inspector. He has been stepping in to complete the inspections. The position pays \$15.51 per hour, and cannot keep up with a part-time employee at 20 hours per week. Anyone who sells a food product (pools, tattoo parlors, etc.) must be inspected. He requested the position be part-time now with the chance it could go full-time in the future.

Motion by Cory Sprunger, to keep the position at part-time and if the Commissioners come back and say it needs to be full-time we will have more information and can make a decision on the future, seconded by Dennis Bluhm.

IN RE: AUDITOR UPDATE

Certificate of Appointments

Park & Recreation Board Member 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2020 Marcus Ripley retro to 2017 and through this year for his current term

Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Cory Sprunger, to approve the above certificate of appointments. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation Board Member 11/10/2020 to 12/31/2022 Melissa Fey

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland, seconded by Cory Sprunger, to approve the above certificate of appointments. Motion carried.

Economic Revitalization Area

The Public Notice to grant Hyet Properties, LLC as an Economic Revitalization Area and O & R Precision Grinding, Inc., for new manufacturing equipment was presented for the record.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Animal Shelter

County Attorney, Mark Burry informed the board that the contract services with Charlie and Carol Bowers for the animal shelter, will be ending June 30, 2021. They have had help from PAWS on the adoption of animals. They are

not willing to lease facility to anyone. If contractual the County can receive bids. If the County builds a facility on the jail property, we could put out bids for contractual services to manage it. PAWS is very interested in running a shelter but they need a facility.

Proposed Solar Project Cost and Energy Savings Projects/Financial Study.

The solar project to be located at the jail and Highway Department has until July 1 2022 to get the system installed. The system will generate power during the daylight but the facility will need electricity for the evening. If it is put in place now, you can have ten years of net metering. The County will need to get competitive bids and an independent financial analysis to look at the project. Baker and Tilly was contacted and they will get a proposal of the projected costs. The proposal will show if it is sustainable, the breakeven point, number of years to pay bonds and if it is making money. Financing may involve the Indiana Bond Bank. The contractors that have expressed an interest are Energy Solutions and Johnson Melloh. The bond will be paid from the energy accounts for the departments. There are tax credits for solar projects which Baker Tilly can work through the proposal.

Motion by Steve Bailey, to proceed with the study, seconded by Cory Sprunger. Motion carried. Tony Mellencamp and Yvette Weiland were opposed. Yvette is not comfortable in spending \$10,000 to be shot down in the future.

County Attorney Office Space, Compensation and/or Contract Services.

Mark Burry discussed the wages and fees that are paid to his law firm. He explained the overhead is staff, Westlaw, office space, insurance, etc. Mark felt that the compensation was already set up how it should be. He added the salary covers Drainage Board and Commissioners which figures out to \$59,000 if billing time. If you factor in the overhead, it brings that total to \$49,000. Factor in salary set for 10 hours per week it becomes \$91,000. If the overhead is taken off it would be \$81,000. He is willing to set the salary at \$50,000 for 10 hours of office work and meetings. If hours go over 10 hours he would bill at \$175.00 per hour. Mark stated he has valued and enjoyed the relationship with the County.

Steve Bailey stated the methodology of purchasing services will be salary and another figure for per hour for services. He added, without consistency and transparency, we leave ourselves open for questions on services.

Cory Sprunger advised adding 10% to the salary. This will put the risk of going over on Mark and hourly for all after.

Mark stated he is not willing to take risks. When people call they need it done now.

Steve Bailey stated we owe the ability to those questioning that we know what services we are paying for.

Mark stated he can give us a discounted hourly rate and bill per hour.

Cory Sprunger said take the average by 10% and this will be the salary.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Wage Adjustment Policy

Resolution 2020-20, a resolution of the Adams County Council adopting a wage adjustment policy was introduced for approval.

Motion by Cory Sprunger, to adopt Resolution 2020-20, seconded by Yvette Weiland. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Contract

Motion by Yvette Weiland, seconded by Cory Sprunger, to approve the contract for Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr. Motion carried.

Community Corrections Budget Issue

Mrs. Brown asked the Attorney General about approving the wages for the department and they said it was a local issue. She mentioned that in section 36, it states wage setting does not apply to Community Corrections. Section 11 sets up Community Corrections except that they are county employees and they cannot be paid out of accordance with county employees. The department must be paid responsibility and consistent with County employees. The Community Corrections Board should have carte blanche on setting the wages for the department. This is her legal opinion.

Yvette Weiland said the board is trying to establish pay equality.

Stan Stoppenhagen stated the board is attempting to be fair and consistent. We have not been fair and equal for all employees.

Julie Marie Brown said the Community Corrections Advisory Board should be setting the wage.

Motion by Steve Bailey, seconded by Tony Mellencamp, to accept their approved budget and the 2021 salary proposal as approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>County General (1000)</u>			
<u>Coroner (0007)</u>	1000.31203.000.0007	Autopsy Fees	\$20,000.00
			\$20,000.00
<u>Election Board (0062)</u>			
	1000.11803.000.0062	Judges	\$2,000.00
		Counting	\$2,000.00
	1000.12600.000.0062	Center/Prep/ Co.	\$6,000.00
		Employees	\$6,000.00
	1000.21100.000.0062	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
			\$2,500.00
<u>Jail (0380)</u>			
	1000.11604.000.0380	Jailers	\$116,200.00
			\$116,200.00
<u>Superior Court (0201)</u>			

		Court Admin/Court Reporter	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	1000.11204.000.0201	Court Reporter/Research Asst.	\$200.00	\$200.00
	1000.11304.000.0201			
IT (9600)		Internet & Network Services	\$351,160.00	\$351,160.00
	1000.35900.000.9600			
	Total County General (1000)		\$502,060.00	\$502,060.00
Cumulative Capital Development (1138)		Golden Meadows Equipment	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	1138.49000.000.0000			
E911 (1222)		Dispatcher	\$41,450.00	\$41,450.00
	1222.10900.000.0000	Radio Tower Lease	\$12,136.00	\$12,136.00
	1222.37500.000.0000			
	Total All Funds		\$566,646.00	\$566,646.00
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Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Cory Sprunger, to approve the appropriations for wage appeal increases. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Dennis Bluhm, seconded by Steve Bailey, to approve the appropriations for the Coroner, Jail, IT, and E911. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland, seconded by Tony Mellencamp, to approve the appropriations for the Election Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Cory Sprunger, to postpone the additional for Golden Meadows until 2021 unless it breaks or there is an emergency, seconded by Steve Bailey. Motion carried.

IN RE:	<u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u>		
FUND #/DEPT.		REQUESTED BI-WEEKLY	APPROVED
Probation			
Probation Officer - Danelle Taylor (effective 10/31/2020)			
County General 1000		\$913.46	\$913.46
Adult User Fees 2100		\$961.54	\$961.54
Total		\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
93.788 IN St Opioid Response (8105)			
Part Time Pretrial Services Officer		\$31.19/hour	\$31.19/hour
Rhonda McIntosh (effective 10/31/2020)			

Probation DOC Grant (9104)

Probation Officer

Jaime Loshe (effective 10/31/2020) \$1,460.50 \$1,460.50

Probation

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County General 1000 \$913.46 \$913.46

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Motion by Tony Mellencamp, to approve the above Salary Ordinances as presented, seconded by Dennis Bluhm. Motion carried.

IN RE:

TRANSFERS BY RESOLUTION

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Election Board				
1000.12300.000.0062	Meals	\$330.00		\$330.00
1000.11603.000.0062	Absentee/Travel Board		\$330.00	\$330.00
Superior Court				
1000.11807.000.0201	Translator	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
1000.12003.000.0201	Transcripts	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
1000.12804.000.0201	Pauper Counsel	\$200.00		\$200.00
1000.12300.000.0201	Meals		\$250.00	\$250.00
1000.12901.000.0201	Petit Jurors		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1000.14000.000.0201	Judge Pro Tem		\$250.00	\$250.00
1000.31600.000.0201	Postage		\$150.00	\$150.00
1000.31700.000.0201	Travel		\$750.00	\$750.00
1000.35200.000.0201	Conference Registration		\$750.00	\$750.00
1000.35700.000.0201	Software Maintenance		\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Jail				
1000.11107.000.0380	Chief Jailer	\$1,205.00		\$1,205.00
1000.12302.000.0380	Cook	\$24,644.00		\$24,644.00
1000.13002.000.0380	Facility Maintenance		\$15,205.00	\$15,205.00
1000.12201.000.0380	Assistant Cooks		\$10,644.00	\$10,644.00
Golden Meadows				
1000.11500.000.0622	Overtime	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
1000.11400.000.0622	CNAs Full Time		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
1000.33600.000.0622	Maintenance Contracts	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
1000.22400.000.0622	Housekeeping Supplies		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
IT				
1000.21100.000.9600	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
1000.35100.000.9600	Dues & Subscriptions		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Probation				
1000.31200.000.0273	Training	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
1000.32200.000.0273	Printing	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
1000.11300.000.0273	Part Time	\$11,600.00		\$11,600.00
1000.35200.000.0273	Conference Registration		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1000.11114.000.0273	Asst. Chief Probation Officer		\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
1000.11403.000.0273	Secretary		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Adult User Fees				
2100.33800.000.0000	Drug Testing	\$13,791.54		\$13,791.54
2100.11114.000.0000	Asst. Chief Probation Officer		\$3,461.54	\$3,461.54
2100.34104.000.0000	Rent		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

2100.35700.000.0000	Software Maintenance	\$2,330.00	\$2,330.00
2100.42601.000.0000	Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2100.12601.000.0000	Health Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
LIT Public Safety			
1170.11605.000.0005	Admin. Asst.	\$3,219.00	\$3,219.00
1170.11307.000.0005	Matron	\$1.00	\$1.00
1170.11500.000.0005	Overtime	\$3,220.00	\$3,220.00

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey, seconded by Yvette Weiland, to approve the transfers for Superior Court. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger, seconded by Tony Mellencamp, to approve the transfers for the Jail and IT. Motion carried.

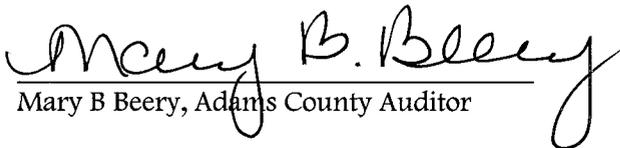
Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Cory Sprunger, to approve the remaining transfers as presented as a whole. Motion carried.

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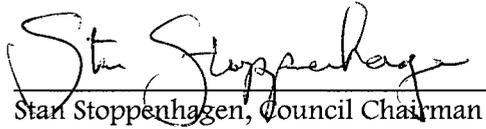
ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Steve Bailey, for adjournment of the November 10, 2020 meeting of the Adams County Council. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



 Mary B Beery, Adams County Auditor



 Stan Stoppenhagen, Council Chairman