

The Adams County Council met February 9, 2021, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members: Yvette Weiland, Cathy Mitchel, John Summers, Cory Sprunger, Keith Blythe, and Fred Velez; County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; and County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck. Absent was Dennis Bluhm. Commissioners, Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore were in attendance as their meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the January 12, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Deb Stevens and Jeff McIntosh discussed Encumbrances from 2020 budget and sought approval. They need to come to council due to their board not being elected. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Cory Sprunger. Motion Carried.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

Carrie Freeman presented a \$3,000 Court Interpreter grant that they received. She had told Council and Commissioners she was applying for the grant last year. Superior Court Judge Sam Conrad introduced himself.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the encumbrances for the following: Cumulative Bridge (Fund 1135) \$105,307.50, Highway MVH (Fund 1176) \$118,500.00, Drug Court DOC Grant (Fund 9103) \$500.00. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers, to approve the submitted encumbrances.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Due to resignation of Anna Steiner off County BZA Board there will be someone else who needs to be appointed by County Council as their appointment. She discussed LOIT Special Distribution Fund which has been dormant since 2017. There are restrictions on what it can be used for. Council Attorney will send out what it can be used for to all council members. She will also send out uses allowed for Rainy Day fund.

IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER

Stipend

Public Defender Brad Weber – stipend pay board members. The Public Defender Commission audited and discovered a stipend could be given to board members per Indiana statute. The amount is \$150 per board member for a total of \$450. This was tabled until next month so it could be made as a transfer instead of an additional. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez, it was denied so it could be brought back in March for a transfer.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Dan Mawhorr – IT and Sheriff’s Department additional for 3 sheriff’s vehicles at \$92,000. They turned in 3 vehicles for replacements. He noted it should have been done as an encumbrance last year and apologized for that. Upon a motion by John Summers and a second by Keith Blythe. Motion Carried. Sheriff Mawhorr spoke on the additional for IT and his department regarding fiber cables and more in the amount of \$424,907. It originally was in the Cares Act Grant but was discussed last year. The departments had to wait until money was in hand due to new guidelines by new council. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez. Motion Carried.

The Sheriff briefly explained he would be coming before council next month to seek approval of the water softener issues with the pipes at the new jail. This had been discussed last year.

IN RE: SALARY ORDINANCE

<u>FUND</u> <u>#/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>BI-WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Jail (0380)		
Full Time Cook (NE2)		
Jennifer Schieferstein (retro 1/25/2021)	\$1,004.00	\$1,004.00
Jailer		
Adam McKenzie (retro 2/6/2021)	\$1,396.00	\$1,396.00
Public Defender (0271)		
Public Defender board members stipend (3)	\$150.00/yearly	0
Highway (1176)		
Timothy Frock (retro 1/19/2021)		
Maintenance Worker	\$19.15/hour	\$19.15/hour
Maintenance Operator	\$19.75/hour	\$19.75/hour

Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above Salary Ordinances were approved by Council. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

County General (1000)

Drainage Board (0063)

1000.11600.000.0063	Attorney	\$1,660.00	\$1,660.00
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Public Defender (0271)

1000.11811.000.0271	Stipend	\$450.00	0
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IT (9600)

1000.38302.000.9600	Secondary Circuits	\$424,907.00	\$424,907.00
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Total County General (1000)		\$427,017.00	\$427,017.00
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Cumulative Capital Development (1138)

1138.49200.000.0000	Sheriff Vehicles	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00
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Total All Funds		\$519,017.00	\$519,017.00
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Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above Salary Ordinances for 2020 were approved by Council. Motion carried

IN RE: TRANSFERS

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Drainage Board				
1000.11600.000.0063	Attorney	\$8,266.00		\$8,266.00
1000.31100.000.0063	Legal Fees/Services		\$8,266.00	\$8,266.00

Upon a motion by Keith Blythe, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above transfer was approved by Council. Motion carried

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Council President, Yvette Weiland, asked that those fitting description for council appointment send resumes to the council. She mentioned an AIC training will be held Feb. 17 for those wishing to join.

Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen discussed a candidate for Golden Meadows Administrator who is a registered nurse would not be able to take the job due to the salary. It is currently an EX 4 which is a salary of \$52,822.90 and that would be a huge pay cut. She would be willing to take a pay cut but not that severe. She would be interested at around \$58,000. Discussion ensued on the matter.

Council discussed changing the job description to a non-categorized position contingent on a nursing component being added to the administrator position. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and Fred Velez second. Motion carried.

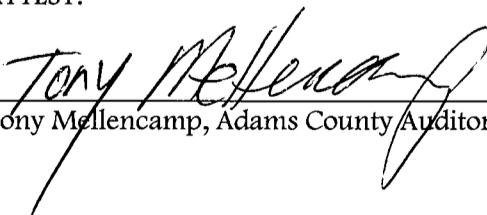
The pay for the non-categorized position was then discussed. Due to the fact there is an administrative element and 27 residents currently at Golden Meadows the recommended pay was 58,000 yearly. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger seconded by John Summers. Motion Carried.

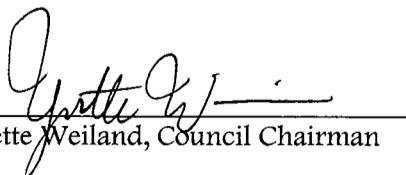
Cory gave an update on the Budget Task Force, developed a list of numbers we are looking for. Waiting to see if we need to contact an outside source

IN RE: ADJOURN

Per Roberts Rules of Order being no further business, meeting was adjourned by President Yvette Weiland.

ATTEST:


 Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor


 Yvette Weiland, Council Chairman