

The Adams County Council met April 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Yvette Weiland, Cathy Mitchel, John Summers, Cory Sprunger, Dennis Bluhm, Keith Blythe, and Fred Velez; County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; and County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck. Commissioners, Stan Stoppenhagen and Rex Moore were in attendance as their meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Fred Velez, to approve the March 9, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes. Motion carried.

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT

Sandra Brown, Court Administrator, sought approval for a grant for AED's for Circuit Court, Prosecutor and Clerk's office. She will apply with the Adams County Community Foundation for the amount of \$1,725.00. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel. Motion Carried.

IN RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Rex Moore and Regional Sewer District Superintendent Barry Scherer came before Council seeking permission to extend county benefits to a new full time regional sewer district employee. The benefits requested were employee only health insurance, life insurance, and long-term disability. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez. Motion Carried.

IN RE: REFINANCING JAIL BONDS

Jason Semler, CPA with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, came before Council to explain options available to refinance the jail bond, which has a principal amount of \$14,255 million currently. Upon a motion by Keith Blythe and second by Fred Velez to give approval to Baker Tilly to move forward on refinancing. By doing so, Baker Tilly stated there would be savings of approximately \$20,000 per year on the bond payment. The process would take two to three months to conclude. Motion Carried 5-0 with Dennis Bluhm abstaining.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 8**

Julie Marie Brown, Council Attorney, presented a proposed resolution for two Health Department funds. Currently donations go into fund 4120 and payments/fees go into fund 1159. The proposed resolution will tie the two funds together allowing funds to be used for lead testing equipment and other essential need items. Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Keith Blythe, to adopt Resolution 2021- amending the allocation and use of funds established by and for the Adams County Health Department. Motion carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following additional, salary ordinance, and transfers:

SALARY ORDINANCE

<b>Auditor (0002)</b>	<b><u>Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Approved</u></b>
Chief Deputy – Finance Deputy (NE6) Brianna Brodbeck (effective 4/17/21)	\$1,569.60	\$1,569.60
Settlement Deputy (NE5) Kristy Stuckey (effective 4/17/21)	\$1,418.40	\$1,418.40
<b>Jail (0380)</b> Jailer Daniel Hunter (retro to 3/26/21)	\$1,396.00	\$1,396.00
<b>Golden Meadows (0622)</b> Full Time C.N.A. (NE2) April Birchfield (retro to 3/20/21)	\$12.55/hr	\$12.55/hr

Upon a motion by Fred Velez, seconded by Cory Sprunger, the above Salary Ordinances were approved by Council. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

<b><u>County General (1000)</u></b>		<b><u>Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Approved</u></b>
<b><u>Jail (0380)</u></b>			
1000.31074.000.0380	Inmate Extradition	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
<b><u>Rainy Day (1186)</u></b>			
1186.38300.000.0000	Consulting Fees	\$100,000.00	\$15,000.00

**Total All Funds****\$108,000.00****\$23,000.00**

Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above Salary Ordinances for 2021 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>
<b>Commissioners</b>				
1000.11600.000.0068	Attorney	\$34,780.00		\$34,780.00
1000.31100.000.0068	Legal Fees/Services		\$34,780.00	\$34,780.00
<b>Public Defender</b>				
1000.11300.000.0271	Part Time	\$591.80		\$591.80
1000.11403.000.0271	Secretary		\$591.80	\$591.80
<b>93.788 Grant</b>				
8105.11300.000.0000	Part Time	\$32,580.00		\$32,580.00
8105.11115.000.0000	Drug Court Case Mgr/Prob Officer		\$32,580.00	\$32,580.00
<b>Community Corrections</b>				
Fund 2540	Project Income	\$36,457.16		\$36,457.16
Fund 1123	Comm, Transition Program		\$36,457.16	\$36,457.16

Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Fred Velez, the above transfers were approved by Council. Motion carried

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Cory gave an update on the Budget Task Force. Jason Semler and Paige Sansone from Baker Tilly explained the services they offer during budget time. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve Baker Tilly to provide annual budget support and analysis. Motion Carried. Passed 4-2

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve recording of the council meetings and have them posted on county website. Motion carried.

John Summers presented a document on the coroner's office, chief deputy gets \$3,500 per year. The chief deputy has been an on and off coroner for last 20 years. He did not realize how much time the coroner's office takes and he does have a full time job. Leslie has taken on the billing and on time call. He is asking that she receive a much higher salary and that the deputy coroners receive a raise. He would like raises to go to chief deputy and deputy coroners. This was tabled until August.

Cathy Mitchel reported that she has spoken with the departments she was assigned to – Recorder, Treasurer, and Auditor. She reported they are going through their due diligence to obtain proposals to present to the tech committee for approval.

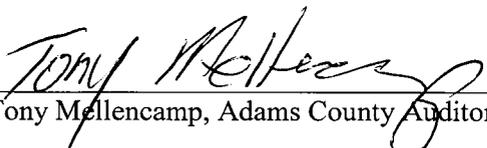
President Weiland reported on her meeting with Clerk Jim Voglewede regarding needs for his department. Jim had told her that he will be coming to Council seeking higher pay to find poll workers as they are being underpaid in his opinion.

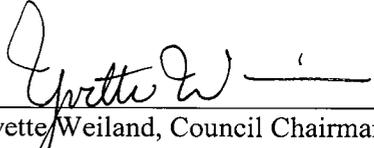
Fred Velez reported the animal shelter committee continues to work on finding a long term solution with the current animal shelter contract ending in June. Cathy Mitchel is also a member of that committee.

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