

The Adams County Council met May 11, 2021, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Yvette Weiland, Cathy Mitchel, Dennis Bluhm, John Summers, Cory Sprunger, Keith Blythe, and Fred Velez; County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; and County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp: 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 John Summers, seconded by Fred Velez, the April 13, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: BI-COUNTY SERVICES

Tim Ramsey, President and CEO of Bi-County Services appeared before Council to present Bi-County’s annual financial review and budget funding request. The 2022 request would be for \$41,280 which is \$1,968 more than 2021. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel. Motion Carried.

IN RE: RECORDER

Tom Krueckeberg, County Recorder, appeared before Council to requesting a \$500 increase in each training fund for the Recorder, Auditor, Surveyor, Treasurer, and Clerk. These funds are from the officials training fund and not county general. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Keith Blythe. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Brad Yoder, County Highway Superintendent, appeared before Council requesting a \$20,000 increase in Highway funds for culverts and pipes. Brad explained that supplies for his projects are increasing in price and are difficult to obtain. He stated that he did an inventory of his supplies and determined that it would be beneficial from a cost stand point to order more supplies now so their jobs don’t get behind. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers. Motion Carried.

IN RE: EMA

John August, Director of EMA appeared before Council requesting permission to apply for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. This amount of this grant was \$19,457.00. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Keith Blythe. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stan Stoppenhagen, County Commissioner, appeared before Council requesting \$20,000 to hire a person for a new Human Resources position. He praised Eran Hackman for the great job she has done for the county and that she would be missed. Stan presented the job description and explained that this position will replace the previous payroll deputy for the Auditor’s office. This person will be under the supervision of the County Commissioners. By statute the position must be paid from the County Auditor’s budget as the position deals with payroll. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve a wage range between \$47,000 and \$57,000 for the HR Coordinator. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY COUNCIL

Yvette Weiland, President of the Council, requested an additional \$197 for Legal Fees/Services. Because of the changes made last year on attorney fees, this line item was not allocated enough money. Upon a motion by Keith Blythe and second by Cathy Mitchel. Motion Carried.

Council President noted that the Council will meet at 6 p.m. with Baker Tilly in the Commissioners Room on May 17th. A mandatory meeting with all department heads will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 25th at the Sheriff’s Department with Baker Tilly. This will allow all department heads to discuss what they need in their budget and make a case if they need to increase their budget.

IN RE: AUDITOR

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

SALARY ORDINANCE

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Prosecuting Attorney (0009)		
Legal Secretary (NE4)		
Jennifer Gilbert (retro 4/12/21)	\$1,240.80	\$1,240.80
Jail (0380)		
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Tyson Zook (retro to 4/26/21)	\$1,396.00	\$1,396.00

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

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

County General (1000)

Auditor (0002)

1000.11212.000.002	HR COORDINATOR	\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00
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Council (0061)

1000.31100.000.0061	LEGAL FEES	\$2,000.00	\$197.00
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		\$62,000.00	\$20,197.00
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Elected Officials Training (1217)

1217.31205.000.0000	Clerk Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
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1217.31301.000.0000	Recorder Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
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1217.31103.000.0000	Auditor Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
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1217.31403.000.0000	Surveyor Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
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1217.31503.000.0000	Treasurer Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
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Highway (1176)

1176.22800.000.0531	Culverts, Pipes	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
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Total all Funds		\$84,500.00	\$42,697.00
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Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above Additional were approved by Council. Motion carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

A discussion was held regarding the County Policy Manual and the fact that it was adopted in December of 2018 and states that the Auditor sets the agenda. A question arose regarding the fact that the current Council President sets the agenda and since they conflict, Council should decide whether or not to maintain duties as currently adopted or amend the policy to say that the President sets the agenda.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to allow Council President to continue setting agenda until next month when it can be addressed by full Council as to following adopted policy or amending it. Motion Carried.

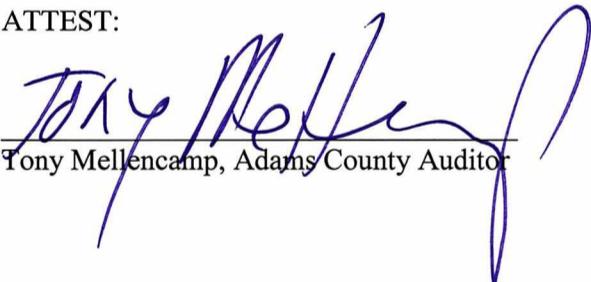
Council member Dennis Bluhm discussed the way the meeting is ended and feels it should be done by a motion and vote rather than ending the meeting per Robert Rules of Order.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion to adjourn by Cory Sprunger and second by John Summers. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



 Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



 Yvette Weiland, Council Chairman