

The Adams County Council met July 13, 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, and Fred Velez; County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Keith Blythe was absent. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore were in attendance also.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez, and second by Cory Sprunger, the June 8, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROBATION

Jack Odle, Chief Probation Officer, appeared before Council requesting approval for a pre-trial grant. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Karla Marbach, from the Health Department requested approval for two grants in the amount of \$50,000 plus an amount to be determined after the state divides it up amongst counties. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TAX ABATEMENTS

Dennis Maude, CFO, Chris Shoaf, Plant Manager, of Decatur Diamond LLC, along with Attorney Tim Baker, appeared before Council requesting a tax abatement for personal property at their Adams County business. The amount of new equipment they plan to bring into the local business in order to improve the work they do and with a plan to hire more employees is \$2.1 million as well as relocation of used equipment from the Ohio plant in the amount of \$369,500.00. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve the abatement. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DOC GRANT

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve the 2022 DOC Grant for Community Corrections. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve zeroing out the drug court line for the grant amount and inserting Project Sunrise. This will allow those who need to seek mental health aid to receive it in a timely manner with the Bowen Center or Adams Behavioral Health.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Dan Mawhorr, Sheriff, requested an additional for work to be completed at the jail. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers. Motion Carried. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve a court security officer. Motion Carried.

IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER

Brad Weber, Chief Public Defender, went before Council to ask for \$10,000 additional in his Pauper Council Line as the user fees which supply the revenues are waning and not keeping up with expenditures for attorneys who are needed to defend indigent clients. He asked to receive the \$10,000 amount to be used until the fund can be built back up. This has to come from County General as the only other way to add money is through the user fees that are charged.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the \$10,000 additional. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Julie Marie Brown, Council Attorney, presented a draft of the updated County Council Policy Manual for discussion. It was decided to continue looking this draft over and discuss changes before submission of a final draft

Upon a motion by John Summers and Fred Velez to approve Resolution 2021-15. Motion Carried. The resolution stated that each year the county would abide by the IRS rate for mileage, which is currently at .56 per mile. This means it will increase from the current .44 per mile.

IN RE: AUDITOR

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

SALARY ORDINANCE

Building Dept. (0312)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Sarah Anderson (effective 7/10/21) Deputy (NE4)	\$1,260.80	\$1,260.80
LIT Pub. Safety (Fund 1170)		
Daniel Hunter Court Security Officer	\$1,360.71	\$1,360.71

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

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

		<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
County General			
<u>Public Defender (0271)</u>			
1000.13500.000.0271	Appointed Pauper Council	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<u>Cumulative Jail (1142)</u>			
1142.37501.000.0000	Maintenance Property	\$57,554.00	\$57,554.00
<u>MVH (1176)</u>			
1176.22305.000.0531	Dust Control	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<u>Elected Official Training (1217)</u>			
1217.31301.000.0000	Recorder Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total All Funds		\$88,554.00	\$88,554.00

Upon a motion by John Summers, seconded by Cathy Mitchel, the above Additional 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>
Circuit Court				
1000.31206.000.0232	Psychiatric & Medical	\$500.00		\$500.00
1000.12804.000.0232	Pauper Council		\$500.00	

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the transfers. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Shannon Greene, HR Coordinator, addressed Council regarding how wages with the wage evaluations and degrees are calculated and sought a committee to start looking at everything involving wages and classifications to make sure there is a proper process in place.

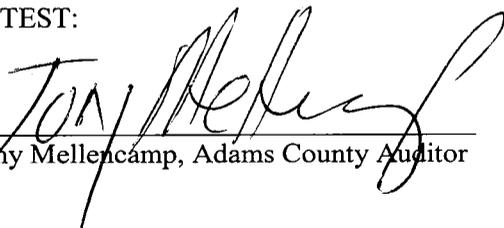
Fred Velez then brought up budget information, stating he had been in the Auditor's office last week for several hours and during that time over \$1,000,000,000 was discovered that could come out of county general and paid out of other funds. Several minutes of discussion ensued regarding the budget. Cory Sprunger, Yvette Weiland, John Summers, the Auditor's office as well as Shannon Greene had met last week in a zoom conference with Baker Tilly. Baker Tilly suggested taking the max levy, accepting the growth quotient of 4.3% and advertising for a 3% pay increase as this could be altered prior to budget adoption if need be. Council was in agreement with what Baker Tilly had suggested and gave direction to the Auditor to do that for the upcoming budget workshop with the DLGF.

Fred Velez and Cathy Mitchel reported updates on their departments they are involved with. Fred reported on the animal shelter and Cathy reported on the tax software for the Auditor and Treasurer's office. She noted training should start on that in August.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Dennis Bluhm seconded by Fred Velez to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



 Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



 Yvette Weiland, Council Chairman