

The Adams County Council met August 10, 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; County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore, and Stan Stoppenhagen, were in attendance also.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez, and second by John Summers, the July 13, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: PROBATION

Jack Odle, Chief Probation Officer, appeared before Council requesting approval of a Justice Services Grant. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Keith Blythe to approve the additional. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nathan Scherer, and Jessica Rutschilling, from the Health Department requested approval for a \$12,000 additional from an estate bequest. The estate left the Health Department \$20,000 but only \$12,000 was to be used to purchase computers for the department as they are still using Microsoft 7 and need updated. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve the additional. Motion Carried.

IN RE: TAX ABATEMENTS

A public hearing was opened by County Council for any questions or comments regarding a tax abatement sought on personal property (equipment) which had been presented and approved at the July meeting by Decatur Diamond LLC. Following the public hearing a confirming resolution was asked to be approved. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Dennis Bluhm to approve the abatement confirming resolution 2021-16. Motion Carried. Chris Shoaf, Plant Manager, was present for the company.

IN RE: ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the Resolution 2021-17, loaning of \$500,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the ACRSD in order to allow the District to be ahead of other entities seeking grant money. Motion Carried. This loan would allow the District to be shovel ready for projects under the state grants and therefore giving them a better chance of receiving the grant. Motion Carried. This loan would be paid back with 1% interest the following year. Steve Bailey, Treasurer of the ACRSD spoke in answer to Dennis Bluhm about when it will become self-sustaining.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Dan Mawhorr, Sheriff, presented information to the Council regarding the Sheriff's Retirement Fund. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to approve a drop from two to five years after a 20-year service term for employees. This is no cost to the county. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to approve (contingent upon budget hearings and revenue availability) payment by insurance to a dependent from \$200 to \$500 a month if an employee is killed in the line of duty. This would be a cost of approximately \$16,000 for the insurance benefits. It also would lower retirement age of an officer to 52, down from 55 at a cost of approximately \$40,000 to \$44,000 quarterly. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUDGETS

Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, informed Council per SEA 321-2016 repeals IC 6-1.1-17-3.5 and thus eliminates the current county Council review process. It adds IC 6-1.1-17-3.6 to establish a new process for county fiscal body reviews and non-binding recommendations.

The County fiscal body shall review at its first meeting in August the estimated property tax levy limits and the estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing unit. The County fiscal body will either prepare and distribute a written recommendation for the taxing units or the County Auditor will distribute the minutes of the meeting to all taxing units after the minutes are approved by the fiscal body.

Council reviewed the estimated levy limits and estimated circuit breaker impacts and made no recommendations or comments. The County Auditor will distribute the minutes of the meeting to all taxing units after approval of the fiscal body.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve the County Auditor sending the taxing units the requirements. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Mark Burry, County Attorney, led a discussion with HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, regarding the PTO policy approved by the Adams County Commissioners. After several minutes of discussion and the realization that the PTO will not take effect until after timekeeping is fully implemented, it was decided to approve the policy since it was much of what had been discussed the previous two to three years. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the PTO Policy adopted by the Adams County Commissioners. Motion Carried.

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

SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor (0002)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Chief/Finance Deputy (NE 8) (effective 5/15/21) (NE7)	\$1,935.20	\$1,739.20
Deputy Auditor (NE5)	\$1,397.60	\$1,397.60
Transfer Deputy (NE5)	\$1,417.60	\$1,417.60
Jail (0380)		
Jailer (Joseph Laughlin) effective 10-16-2021	\$1,396.00	\$1,396.00
Justice Services Grant (9115)		
Part-time pre-trial services officer Rhonda McIntosh (effective 10-16-2021)	\$32.13/hour	\$32.13/hour
93.788 IN St. Opioid Response (8105)		
Part-time Pre-trial Services Officer Rhonda McIntosh (1/1/2021 – 10/15/2021)	\$32.13/hour	\$32.13/hour

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

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

		<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>Rainy Day (1186)</u>			
1186.35000.000.0000	ACRSD	\$500,000.00	\$500,000
<u>E-911 (1222)</u>			
1222.34400.000.0000	Equipment, software	\$39,909.00	\$39,909.00
<u>Health Department Donation</u>			
4901.42601.000.0000	equipment	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<u>Justice Services Grant</u>			
9115.11300.000.0000	part time	\$27,980.00	\$27,980.00
9115.12301.000.0000	Social Security	\$2,140.00	\$2,140.00
9115.33800.000.0000	Drug Testing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
9115.31700.000.0000	Travel	\$960.00	\$960.00
 Total All Funds		 \$583,989.00	 \$583,989.00

The above Additional were approved by Council during the regular meeting.

IN RE:		<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Jail				
1000.11500.000.0380	Overtime	\$30,000.00		
1000.11604.000.0380	Jailers		\$30,000.00	
Probation				
1000.21100.000.0273	Office Supplies	\$6,000		
1000.31700.000.0273	Travel	\$6,000		
1000.11710.000.0273	Probation Officer		\$12,000.00	
Adult User Fees				
2100.33800.000.0000	Drug Testing	\$5,000		
2100.11300.000.0000	Part-Time		\$5,00.00	

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez 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.

The Wage Appeals Committee had met regarding 3 re-classifications in the Auditor's office due to one person leaving the office and thus causing it to be short one employee. Auditor Mellencamp, along with Commissioner and wage appeals member Stan Stoppenhagen, and HR Coordinator, informed Council of the need for the transfer deputy to be moved from an NE 4 to an NE 5, the deputy auditor to be moved from an NE 4 to an NE 5 and the Finance/Chief Deputy who has taken on payroll as well as 90% of the previous employee's job, from an NE 6 to an NE 7. The other two deputies have added to their job descriptions work on the financial side of the Auditor's Office as well as continuing what they do on the tax side. They will both be taking on these new duties.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Dennis Bluhm to approve each of the new classifications. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to end the contract with Baker Tilly regarding Council training with the previous agreement not to exceed \$15,000. Motion Carried. The vote was 4-1 with Cory Sprunger voting against.

IN RE:

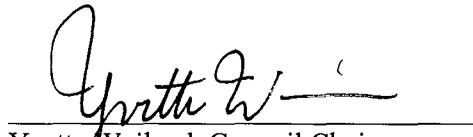
ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Fred Velez seconded by John Summers to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



Yvette Weiland, Council Chairman