

The Adams County Council met November 9, 2021, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Yvette Weiland, Dennis Bluhm, John Summers, Cory Sprunger, Keith Blythe, and Fred Velez; County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore, and Stan Stoppenhagen, were in attendance also. County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp and Council member Cathy Mitchel was not present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers, the October 12, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: CORONER

Coroner, Dean Amstutz, met with Council to discuss the additional appropriation that he has requested for autopsy fees.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers, to approve the additional appropriation of \$12,000.00. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, met with Council to discuss the additional appropriations that he is seeking in E911. These additional are needed because of covering open shifts. This is in hopes this additional will cover the rest of the year. Councilman, Cory Sprunger, questioned what this additional will do to the cash balance of this fund.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers, to approve the additional appropriations in E911 fund. Motion carried.

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, also presented the inspection that they recently received. Council President, Yvette Weiland, asked if the information reflected the update from the recent audit concluded in 2021. He said the report was generated prior to the 2021 audit.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, met with Council to discuss the transfer that his department is requesting. He expressed this transfer is to cover the wages of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to be paid for engineer duties.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Keith Blythe, to approve the transfer request in Highway fund. Motion carried.

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2021-26

Council President, Yvette Weiland, asked Commissioner, Stan Stoppenhagen, to speak on the additional appropriation that is being requested for the dog pound and where the County is in that process. Mr. Stoppenhagen explained to Council that things are moving along with the new dog pound and the new contract has been signed. Councilman, Cory Sprunger, questioned why there could not be a transfer done instead of this additional appropriation. It was explained that it has already been paid for and advertised and it would have to hold off another month if decide to switch to transfer.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve Resolution 2021-26 and the additional appropriation. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Stan Stoppenhagen, explained to Council about the additional appropriation for Council on Aging out of the Special Donation Fund. The Council on Aging is moving to the new Merit Center and have asked for a donation from the County to help them through this process. The Special Donation Fund monies was donated from the hospital a couple years ago.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez, and second by Dennis Bluhm to approve the additional appropriation of \$10,000.00 for Council on Aging in Special Donation Fund. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented an amount from CBTS to finish out the WebEx program to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. There was much discussion on this between all Council members. Councilman, Cory Sprunger, did make it known that he does not want this large sum of money to be nickel and dimed, he would rather see it spent on board band throughout the entire County to help people working from home. Council asked the County Attorney to break down the cost by department and then get back with them.

Upon a motion by Dennis Bluhm and second by Cory Sprunger to deny the \$320,000.00 additional appropriation. Motion Carried.

Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, presented to Council a new board member for Berne Library, Ted Rich. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Keith Blythe to approve new Berne Library board member, Ted Rich.

Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, discussed with Council members that Baker Tilly has billed the county over the \$15,000.00 that was approved by Council. Ms. Brown explained to them that they needed to decide if they wanted to do a transfer within Rainy Day Fund or pay it from Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve to transfer in Rainy Day Fund to pay the overage to Baker Tilly. Motion Carried.

Ms. Brown also updated Council members on the Council Policy that still needs passed. Council tabled this until December's meeting.

Ms. Brown wanted to update Council on the House Bill 5735, they are waiting to hear more information on this.

Council Attorney, Ms. Brown, also updated Council on the OSHA regulation set to go into effect on Jan. 4th that will mandate that all employers with over 100 employees (i.e., Adams County) must either get the COVID vaccine or submit to WEEKLY testing. Its constitutionality is currently being challenged in the Courts though so whether it goes into effect as scheduled remains to be seen.

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2021-27

County Attorney, Mark Burry, presented Resolution 2021-27 to pay consulting fees out of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve Resolution 2021-27. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

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

SALARY ORDINANCE

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Jail (0380)		
Jailer – Alex Will (effective 11/13/2021)	\$1,615.75	\$1,615.75
Jennifer Kelly (retro 10/30/2021)	\$1,503.00	\$1,503.35
Prosecuting Attorney (1000.0009)		
Victim’s Advocate		
Alexa Reed (retro 10-25-21)	\$19.89/hr	\$19.89/hr
Community Corrections (2540)		
Case Manager		
Madison Hake (retro 7-1-21)	\$854.93	\$854.93
Highway (1176)		
Superintendent		
Brad Yoder (retro 7-10-21)	\$2954.73	\$2954.73
Assistant Superintendent		
Paul Zerby (retro 7/10/21)	\$2163.19	\$2163.19

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

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

		Amount Requested	Amount Approved
County General (1000)			
Coroner (0007)			
1000.31203.000.0007	Autopsy Fees	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Commissioners (0068)			
1000.37901.000.0068	Dog Pound	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Total County General		\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
E 911 (1222)			
1222.11415.000.0000	Asst. Dispatcher	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00
1222.11500.000.0000	Overtime	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00
Special Donation (4102)			
4102.37000.000.0000	Coun. On Aging	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act (8950)			
8950.42500.000.0000	Computer Hardware	\$320,000.00	\$0.00
8950.38300.000.0000	Consulting Fees	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total All Funds		\$410,200.00	\$90,200.00

IN RE:

TRANSFERS

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Auditor				
1000.11212.000.0002	HR Coordinator	\$8500.00		\$8500.00
1000.11200.000.0002	Deputies		\$8500.00	\$8500.00
Assessor				
1000.21100.000.0008	Office Supplies	\$1,850.00		\$1,850.00
1000.11604.000.0380	Training		\$950.00	\$950.00
1000.11703.000.0308	Dues, Subscriptions		\$900.00	\$900.00
Weights & Measures				
1000.31700.000.0308	Travel	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
1000.21100.000.0308	Office Supplies	\$200.00		\$200.00
1000.11703.000.0308	Inspectors		\$1700.00	\$1700.00
Highway				
1176.11805.000.0530	Engineering	\$17,610.00		\$17,610.00
1176.11706.000.0531	Maint. Worker		\$17,610.00	\$17,610.00
Health Services				
4120.35100.000.0000	Dues, Subscriptions	\$180.00		\$180.00
4120.42601.000.0000	Equipment		\$180.00	\$180.00

John Summers questioned the Assessor’s office supply transfer, wondering why such an increase in amount of office supplies spent. Cory Sprunger, stated that he does not care about transfers because he prefers that they utilize revenues in their funds before seeking additional.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the transfers. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

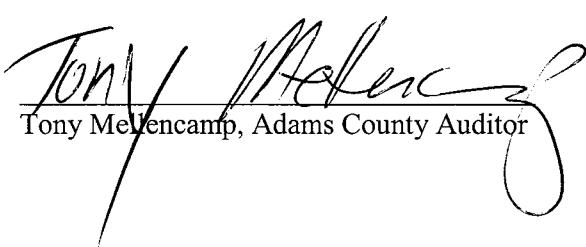
Council President, Yvette Weiland, requested the Auditor’s Office send 1782 notices to all Council members when they receive them.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:


 Tony Melencamp, Adams County Auditor


 Yvette Weiland, Council Chairman