

The Adams County Council met January 11, 2022, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Yvette Weiland, Dennis Bluhm, John Summers, Cory Sprunger, Fred Velez, and Cathy Mitchel, (Council member Keith Blythe was absent) Adams County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore (via Web Ex), and Stan Stoppenhagen, were in attendance also.

IN RE: REORGANIZATION

Council President sought a motion to open the floor for nominations for President of the Adams County Council for 2022.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to open the floor for nominations for Council President. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to nominate Dennis Bluhm for President. Motion Carried.

Dennis Bluhm nominated John Summers for President. Being no second that nomination died.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to close nominations. Motion Carried.

Dennis Bluhm was elected as Council President by a unanimous vote.

Council President then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Council.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Yvette Weiland to nominate Cory Sprunger for Vice-President. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Fred Velez to close nominations for Vice President. Motion Carried.

Cory Sprunger was elected Vice-President unanimously.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Yvette Weiland, the December 14, 2021 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT GRANT

Superior Court Judge Sam Conrad brought a reimbursement grant agreement in the amount of \$4,000.00 for interpreter services. Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the grant agreement. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, sought signatures on Resolution 2022-2, approving \$315,000 for web X equipment using ARPA revenues, which had been approved at the December, 2021 Council meeting. This was just a formality to sign the resolution.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the updated County Council Policy Manual after the revisions were completed by Attorney Brown. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

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

2021 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Assessor (0008)		
Chief Deputy Assessor (NE 6) Julie Harkless (retro 10/16/2021)	\$1,571.20.	\$1,571.20
Deputy Assessor (NE5) LuAnn Rehm (retro 10/16/2021)	\$1,417.60	\$1,417.60
Deputy Assessor (NE4) Melanie Justus (retro 10/16/2021)	\$1,240.80	\$1,240.80

2022 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

Assessor (0008)		
Chief Deputy Assessor (NE6) Julie Harkless	\$20.48	\$20.48
Deputy Assessor (NE5) LuAnn Rehm	\$18.50	\$18.50
Deputy Assessor (NE4) Melanie Justus	\$16.23	\$16.23
Deputy Assessor (NE4) Christine Imel-Ortiz	\$16.23	\$16.23
Assessor (received level III) Mary Beery	\$2096.78	\$2096.78

Golden Meadows (0622)

Full-Time C.N.A. (NE3)		
Marjorie Azzara-Lister	\$14.17	\$14.17
Bailey Everett	\$13.97	\$13.97
Abigail Tumbleson	\$14.07	\$14.07
Full-Time C.N.A. (NE3)	\$13.97	\$13.97
Part-Time C.N.A. (NE3)	\$13.97	\$13.97
Full-Time Nursing Assistant (w/out C.N.A.) (NE2)	\$12.55	\$12.55
Part-Time Nursing Assistant (w/out C.N.A.) (NE2)	\$12.55	\$12.55

Prosecuting Attorney IV-D (0660 and 8897)

Deputy Prosecutor – Julie-Marie Brown		
Co. General	\$1,608.00	\$1,608.00
8897	\$32.80	\$32.80
Total	\$1,640.80	\$1,640.80

NE4 – Fawn Knous		
Co. General	\$14.46	\$14.46
8897	\$1.97	\$1.97
Total	\$16.43	\$16.43

NE4-Janelle Staub		
Co. General	\$15.29	\$15.29
8897	\$2.08	\$2.08
Total	\$17.37	\$17.37

NE4-Michelle Hackenjosh		
Co. General	\$15.25	\$15.25
8897	\$2.08	\$2.08
Total	\$17.33	\$17.33

Jail (0380)

Jail Commander		
Alex Will (effective 12/25/2021)	\$1,996.88	\$1,996.88
Jail Officer		
Jennifer Kelly (effective 12/25/2021)	\$19.35	\$19.35
Jarron Gerwig (effective 1/10/2022)	\$17.98	\$17.98
Grady Sprunger (effective 1/8/2021)	\$17.98	\$17.98

Sheriff (1170)

Deputy		
John Landon Wheeler (effective 12/25/2021)	\$27.95	\$27.95
Seth Prince (effective 12/25/2021)	\$27.69	\$27.69
Security Officer		
Andrew Wolf (effective 12/25/2021)	\$17.52	\$17.52

Highway (1176)

Maintenance Worker/Operator		
Bruce Toland-Worker	\$20.22	\$20.22
Bruce Toland-Operator	\$20.84	\$20.84
Rendi Degitz-Worker	\$19.72	\$19.72
Rendi Degitz-Operator	\$20.32	\$20.32

Recorder (1189)

Part-Time (effective 1/8/2022)	\$11.00-\$14	\$11.00-\$14
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E911 (1222)

Dispatcher		
Dawn Grimm (effective 12/25/2021)	\$21.80	\$21.80
Taya Yoder (effective 12/25/2021)	\$20.05	\$20.05
Kaitlyn Bisel (effective 12/25/2021)	\$17.44	\$17.44

93.268 Imm. Vac. (8108)

Part-Time Nurse RN	\$21.54	\$21.54
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Upon a motion by Fred Velez, seconded by Cory Sprunger, the above Salary Ordinances were approved by Council. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, reported on a wage appeals that was held prior to the Council meeting with the Wage Appeals Board. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and Yvette Weiland to post the position for SWCD assistant Conservationist and change from an NE 3 to an NE 5. Motion Carried.

John Summers and Stan Stoppenhagen reported a topic that came up in the IT Steering Committee, that an amount of over \$77,000 was appropriated in 2021 but the work was not able to be completed due to illness with workers etc. So when Council sees that additional in the future it will be known that it is really a re-appropriation and not an additional. This work included cabling and moving a server room at the jail.

After replacing Council member Blythe with Yvette Weiland on the Adams County Solid Waste Board the Council then voted on keeping the rest of the assignments as they were the previous year. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to keep the board assignments for Council the same as - 2021. Motion Carried.

County Attorney, Mark Burry, informed Council members that the Adams County Regional Sewer District may ask Council to approve an additional using ARPA funds to further the work of the sewer district as water and sewer infrastructure is one of the allowable uses of those funds. By using \$1.5 million of those funds the District would not have to borrow money and acquire debt service while they continue to hook homes up to the sewer. Council took this under advisement.

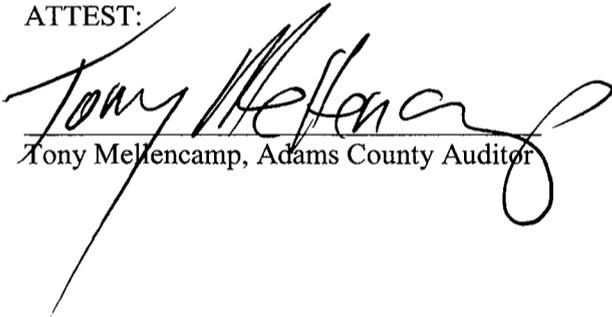
Sheriff Dan Mawhorr came before Council to discuss paying a new deputy candidate the normal starting wage for a deputy rather than the probationary wage as he comes to the department with experience. Mawhorr said this would only be done on a case by case basis.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve paying the new candidate the starting deputy wage. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger, seconded by Fred Velez to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor


Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman