

The Adams County Council met July 12, 2022, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, Keith Blythe (via remote), Cathy Mitchel, Cory Sprunger, John Summers (via remote), Fred Velez, and Yvette Weiland; Adams County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Lee, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, Rex Moore, and Stan Stoppenhagen, were also in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Cathy Mitchel, the June 14, 2022 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: HEALTH CLINIC GRANTS

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve a Health Clinic Grant as a passthrough for the Adams Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$50,000, sought by Karla Marbach. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and Yvette Weiland to approve a Public Emergency Preparedness Coordinator grant in the amount of \$25,000. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BI-COUNTY SERVICES

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Fred Velez to approve the annual Bi-County Services request for funding, in the amount of \$41,280.00, presented by Tim Ramsey, Director of Bi-County Services. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, sought approval for a grant application to be allowed by Judge Sam Conrad, Superior Court Judge, which would benefit the court.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to allow the Judge to seek a grant application for Superior Court. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following additional and salary ordinances:

	<u>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
Cumulative Capital Dev (1138)			
1138.42701.000.0000	Hospital ambulance	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
E911 (1222)			
1222.37500.000.0000	Radio Tower Lease	\$13,750.00	\$5,875.00
Total All Funds		\$68,750.00	\$60,875.00

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and seconded by Fred Velez to approve, the additional appropriation for Cumulative Cap Dev. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the E911 additional request. Motion Carried.

2022 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor (0002)		
Settlement Deputy	Requested	Approved
Chelsi Garcia (effective 7-6-2022)	\$17.23	\$17.23
Golden Meadows (0622)		
Maintenance Supv. (NE4) (eff. 7-5-22) Don Peterson	\$15.51	\$15.51
Highway (1176)		
Maintenance Worker (NE6)	\$19.15	\$19.15
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60)	\$19.75	\$19.75
Gene Harkless (eff. 6-6-22)		

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Fred Velez to approve the above salary ordinance. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Adams County Economic Development Director, Colton Bickel, gave an update on the ACEDC and sought a housing request. There was a consensus that the county could fund \$19,349.89 for two years, contingent upon using ARPA or another outside of County General Fund source of revenue for it. Cities and banks in the county have also agreed to contribute to this effort. The plan is to come up with more available housing to bring people into the county to fill jobs and grow the communities. This would also require Commissioner approval.

John August, EMA Director, updated Council on a recently held Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study Update. He invited Council to attend a 5:30 p.m. report on this study at the jail Tuesday, July 12.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding wages for employees for 2023. In April the Council had directed the Auditor's Office to advertise for a \$1 per non-exempt employees and 3% for elected officials for 2023. HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, had done research on wages in several other counties and noted that Adams County is well behind on average. She noted there have been many people leaving their positions and there are not enough people applying for them due to the low wages. In one example, there was only one applicant for a position that was posted for a month.

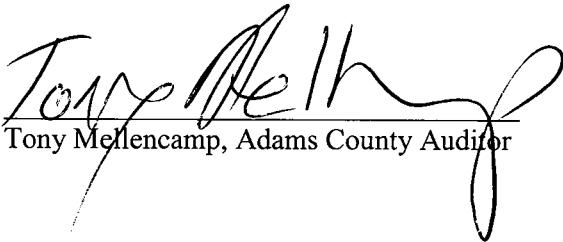
A work session with Commissioner and Council members had been held the night before with the disparity in the numbers shown. It was also noted that we are experiencing record inflation and high gas prices. The Auditor noted for his office's purpose, it is just necessary to advertise whatever the Council feels would be the highest amount that they would do, so the revenues are there if needed. That isn't to say that amount will be given, but in case it is, it needs to be budgeted for.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve advertising for a \$3.00 per hour wage increase or non-exempt and 3% for elected officials. Motion Carried. No votes were Cory Sprunger and Yvette Weiland.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Fred Velez seconded by Yvette Weiland to adjourn. Motion carried.



Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman