

The Adams County Council met September 13, 2022, 8:00 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, Cathy Mitchel, Cory Sprunger, John Summers, 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. Not present was Keith Blythe.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Fred Velez, the August 9, 2022 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion carried. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Yvette Weiland to exit council meeting. Motion Carried. Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland and second by Fred Velez to enter the Adams County Solid Waste public hearing. Motion Carried.

IN RE: SOLID WASTE PUBLIC HEARING

Adams County Council President, Dennis Bluhm, opened the floor to hear budget inquiries for the 2023 Adams County Solid Waste District. Adams County Solid Waste District Director, Jeff McIntosh, and Solid Waste Attorney, Anne Razo, were in attendance and taxpayers present made no comment.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Cathy Mitchel. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel, seconded by Fred Velez, to close the public hearing on the 2023 budget of the Adams County Solid Waste District. Motion carried.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGETS

Adams County Council President, Dennis Bluhm, opened the floor for inquiries into the Adams County 2023 proposed budgets. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Yvette Weiland to enter the public hearing. Motion Carried. Jeff Linthicum, Berne, spoke and asked that the Council reign in the budget and help lower taxes instead of increasing them. Cory Sprunger also read letters from Scott Bollenbacher and Paul Fisher, saying lower taxes is something they desire. The letters were given to Council President, Dennis Bluhm, as a matter of record. Fred Velez noted he doesn't like paying taxes either but that is how county government is funded for the services provided by the county. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming budget hearings.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Fred Velez to close the public hearing on budgets. Motion Carried.

IN RE: OVERTIME AND COMP TIME

Discussions were held to discuss eliminating comp time and pay all comp time on the books before the end of the year. Shannon Greene, HR Coordinator, and Brianna Lee, Chief Deputy Auditor, will help do the math for all departments regarding paying out comp time and using overtime only.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown noted there will be a special meeting before the end of September in order to advertise the property tax ordinance. That ordinance will be voted on in October.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following additional and salary ordinances:

IN RE:	<u>ADDITIONALS</u>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
<b>County General (1000)</b>			
Clerk (0001)			
1000.31700.000.001	Travel	\$1200.00	\$0
<b>Total County General</b>		<b>\$1200.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>LIT Economic Development</b>			
1112.35206.000.0000	ACEDC	\$5258.00	\$5258.00
1112.35501.000.0000	Hospital	\$272,302.00	\$272,302.00
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>\$278,760.00</b>	<b>\$277,560.00</b>

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel

IN RE: TRANSFERS

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APP.</u>
<b>Weights and Measures</b>				
1000.21101.000.0308	office supplies	\$500.00		\$500.00
1000.11703.000.0308	inspectors		\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Public Defender</b>				
1000.32005.000.0271	misc. expenses	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

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

2022 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

**Health Department (1159)**

Clinic Office Manager (NE5)	Requested	Approved
Katie Kowalczyk (effective 8-22-2022)	\$17.48	\$17.48

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

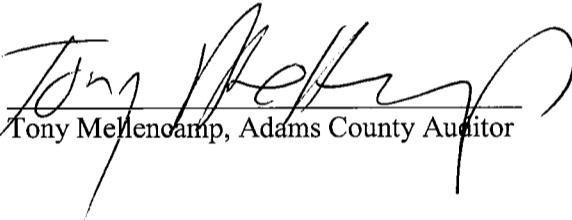
IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Yvette Weiland to approve the Community Crossings Matching Grant, presented by Adams County Highway Department Superintendent. Motion Carried. It is a 75% and 25% matching grant.

Colton Bickel spoke to council regarding funding revenues to ACEDC for a housing project. He had discussed this at a previous meeting and is coming back in hopes of an approval from Council. The request is for just over \$38,000. Other county entities have pledged funds toward this project as well. The Council is in favor of this and will look into where to take the revenues from in order to aid the project.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel seconded by Fred Velez to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
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Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor

  
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Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman

**Budget hearings of the Adams County Council began Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**

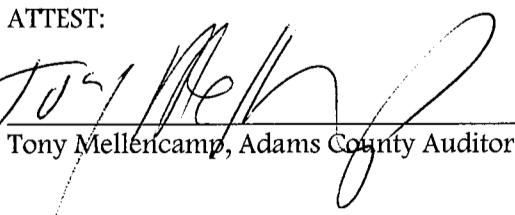
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**Budget hearings resumed Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

Those present were Council members: Dennis Bluhm, Cory Sprunger, Fred Velez, John Summers, Yvette Weiland, Keith Blythe, Cathy Mitchel: County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown, County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, and Chief Deputy/Finance Auditor, Brianna Lee.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel, seconded by John Summers, for adjournment of the September 13, 14, 2022 budget hearings of the Adams County Council. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
  
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Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor

  
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Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman