

The Adams County Council met January 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, Cathy Mitchel, John Summers, Bob Rhoades, Cory Sprunger, Fred Velez, Rex Moore; Adams County Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, County Council Attorney, Julie-Marie Brown; Chief Deputy Auditor, Brianna Lee, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Kuhn, Steve Bailey, and Stan Stoppenhagen, were also in attendance.

IN RE REORGANIZATION

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to nominate Dennis Bluhm for Council President. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to close nominations for President. Motion Carried. Dennis Bluhm is elected as Council President.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to nominate Cory Sprunger as Council Vice President.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to close nominations for Council Vice-President. Motion Carried.

Cory Sprunger was elected Vice President.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers, the December 13, 2022 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ARPA REQUESTS

Jeremy Gilbert brought forward a request for ARPA revenues for a pickleball court to be constructed at Riverside Center in Decatur, Park and Rec to upgrade the county parks, and fitness center upgrades. Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to approve the \$339,730,00 ARPA request. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to deny ARPA requests for PAWS, Library Premium pay, and Health Department premium pay. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve an ARPA request for a new roof on the Adams County Service Complex at \$120,000. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve Ordinance 2023-1, establishing a petty cash fund for departments who need it. It follows the Indiana Statute and is required to be approved by the fiscal body, County Council. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following additional and salary ordinances:

<u>FUND</u> <u>#/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>HOURLY/BI-</u> <u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Clerk (0001)		
Lisa Krueckeberg (NE4) - effective 1/1/2023	\$17.90	\$17.90
Auditor (0002)		
Transfer Deputy NE5 (Amy Bebout - effective 1/1/2023)	\$18.98	\$18.98
Surveyor (0006)		
Trent Tumbleson (NE6 + \$.60) - effective 1/1/2023	\$21.50	\$21.50
Public Defender (0271)		
Secretary NE4 (Lori Hakes - effective 1/21/2023)	\$17.51	\$17.51
Jail (0380)		
Jailer - Caleb Dicke (effective 1/7/2023)	\$19.98	\$19.98
Sheriff (1170)		

Deputy - Joshua Kimberlin (effective 1/8/2023)

\$27.88

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2022 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**Surveyor (0006)**

Trent Tumbleson (NE6 + \$.60) effective 12/19/2023

\$19.85

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Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Rex Moore to approve the above salary ordinance. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to open discussion on the sale of the farm property at Golden Meadows. Motion Carried.

After a lengthy discussion on sale of the property there was a vote taken. Some wanted to sell but wanted to keep approximately 14 to 15 acres in front of Golden Meadows.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Rex Moore to sell all of the farm acreage. Motion Carried. No votes were Bob Rhoades and John Summers.

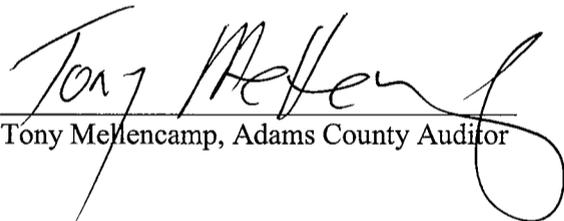
Several Council appointments were approved. They were Don Kuhn to the PTBOA, Toby Sprunger to the Alcohol Beverage Board, John Summers to Adams County Regional Sewer District, and Julie-Marie Brown as Council Attorney. Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Bob Rhoades to approve those appointments. Motion Carried.

There were some changes to committees in which Council members serve. Bob Rhoades will sit on the wage appeals board, Rex Moore will sit on the Adams County Solid Waste Board, Fred Velez will sit on the Park and Rec. Board, and Rex Moore will serve on the IT Change Committee.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and seconded by Bob Rhoades to adjourn. Motion carried.



Tony Melencamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman