

The Adams County Council met May 9, 2023, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, John Summers, Cathy Mitchel, 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 Bailey, and Stan Stoppenhagen, and Steve Kuhn, were also in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Rex Moore, the April 11, 2023 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Rex Moore to approve Resolution 2023-12 to provide \$145,386.00 out of ARPA for roof replacement at the Adams County Service Complex. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the Adams County Drainage Board adding freeholders to the current three-member board, consisting of the County Commissioners. The new arrangement would allow two Commissioners and three freeholders, from the north, south, and central part of the county. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Adams County Drainage board going from a three-member to a five-member board. It would be comprised of two Commissioners and citizen members, preferably one from the south, one from the central, and one from the northern parts of the County. This would require an additional appropriation due to members of that board receiving a per diem for each meeting.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Decatur regarding the Council on Aging being provided land to construct a garage for their vehicles. It also includes a long-term lease for Council on Aging at the Merit Center and repairing the parking lot. Approval, to be paid out of ARPA, was for up to \$200,000. Motion Carried. This is contingent upon Commissioner approval.

IN RE: TRANSFERS

Clerk	Increase	Decrease	Approved
1000.35200.000.0001 conf. regist.	\$400.00		
1000.21100.000.0001 office supplies		\$400.00	\$400.00
 Golden Meadows			
1000.12302.000.0622 cook	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
1000.11300.000.0622 part time		\$20,000.00	

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the transfers. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following salary ordinances:

SALARY ORDINANCE

<u>FUND</u> <u>#/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>HOURLY/BI-</u> <u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Surveyor (0006)		
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60) - Andrew Smitley (retro 5/8/2023)	\$21.75	\$21.75
Drainage Board (0063)		
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60) - Andrew Smitley (retro 5/8/2023)	\$21.75	\$21.75
General Drain (1158)		
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60) - Andrew Smitley (retro 5/8/2023)	\$21.75	\$21.75
Drainage Maintenance (2700)		
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60) - Andrew Smitley (retro 5/8/2023)	\$21.75	\$21.75
Perpetuating Cornerstones (1202)		
Maintenance Operator (NE6 + \$.60) - Andrew Smitley (retro 5/8/2023)	\$21.75	\$21.75
 Golden Meadows (0622)		
Dietary Supervisor (NE5) - Angie Hall (retro 4/29/2023)	\$20.24	\$20.24

E911 (1222)

Dispatcher - Ashley Rhoades (retro 5/6/2023)

\$18.19

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Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the above salary ordinance (E911). Motion Carried. Bob Rhoades abstained.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Cory Sprunger to approve the remainder of the salary ordinances. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by John Summers to approve the Decatur Diamond abatement to continue as they are deemed in compliance. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by John Summers to approve the second Decatur Diamond abatement for personal property. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Rex Moore to approve the annual budget for Bi-County Services, represented by Director, Tim Ramsey, in the amount of \$45,408.00, a 10% increase from the year before. Motion Carried.

Nathan Scherer, ACRSD, updated Adams County Council on what the sewer district has been doing the past few months and plans for the future.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve giving guidance to county departments to submit budgets for 2024 with a 3% increase in wages over 2023 and a total fund increase of no more than 10% over 2022' actual expenditures (including wage increases). The idea is that if departments are under the 10% total, then Council should not have to meet with them. If departments are more than 10% they will meet with Council to discuss the reasons. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve a Local Income Tax (LIT) cut from 1.624% to 1.600%. Individual LIT rates to now be as follows:

Certified Shares - .6%; (unchanged)

CEDIT - .4%; (unchanged)

Public Safety - .29%; (increased)

PSAP - .02%; (new)

Property Tax Relief - .29%. (reduced)

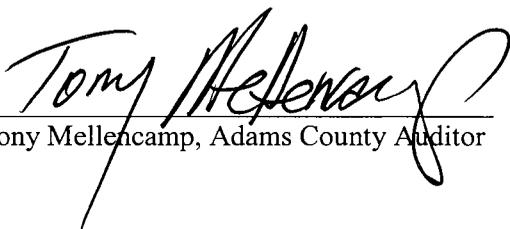
Rates to be effective January 1, 2024. It would add PSAP and add to LIT Public Safety, and reduce property tax relief. Discussion was held regarding the fact that the state will be taking the property tax relief portion of LIT at some point in the near future. PSAP will add revenues to E911 and LIT public safety will benefit both the county and cities. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve moving the dates of the council budget work sessions to August 28 and 29, rather than September 12, 13 and 14. The Public Hearing remains unchanged on September 12. Motion Carried.

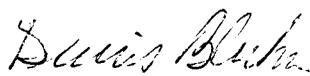
IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by John Summers and seconded by Bob Rhoades to adjourn. Motion carried.



Tony Melencamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman