

The Adams County Council met June 13, 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; County Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, 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 Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore, the May 9, 2023 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve Resolution 2023-14, supplementing the Chiller Project ARPA funding in the amount of \$37,745.17 as it went over that amount, from the original amount asked for of \$300,000. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to not approve the ARPA request of \$1.2 million for the Crossroads Community Recovery House project. Motion Carried. This had been approved at the last Commissioner meeting, but Council felt like it was more money out of ARPA than they felt comfortable with. All agreed it is a good project, but that private funding sources should be looked at first. Due to the fact that some original ARPA approvals were coming in higher than first approved, it was wise to step back and see what amount is actually in there before approving large amounts. Cory Sprunger abstained as one of the attorney's in his firm is on the Crossroads Board.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by John Summers to approve paying for repairs to the Ceylon Covered Bridge in the amount of \$30,850.00. An amount of \$15,000.00 will come from the Covered Bridge Fund and the rest from ARPA. Motion Carried.

Shelly Brite came before Council to seek approval of repairs, updates, and upgrades to the current voting equipment. The approximate amount was \$211,000.00. The matter was tabled and will be addressed at budget time to see how Council decides to fund the repairs.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to table an ARPA request from Kelly Ehinger, Adams Public Library Director, for up to \$50,000 for a van to deliver books to outreach programs in the county. After some discussion regarding potentially leasing a vehicle, it was decided to table the request.

IN RE: TRANSFERS

| <u>FUND #</u>         | <u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>        | <u>INCREASE</u> | <u>DECREASE</u> | <u>APPROVED</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Treasurer</b>      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| 1000.11500.000.0003   | Overtime                   | \$1,000.00      |                 | \$1,000.00      |
| 1000.11300.000.0003   | Part Time                  |                 | \$1,000.00      | \$1,000.00      |
| <b>Election Board</b> |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| 1000.32800.000.0062   | Computer Maintenance       | \$400.00        |                 | \$400.00        |
| 1000.21100.000.0062   | Office Supplies            |                 | \$400.00        | \$400.00        |
| <b>Superior Court</b> |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| 1000.12804.000.0201   | Pauper Counsel             | \$3,050.00      |                 | \$3,050.00      |
| 1000.35700.000.0201   | Software Maintenance       |                 | \$3,050.00      | \$3,050.00      |
| <b>Highway</b>        |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| 1176.42602.000.0533   | Garage & Office Equipment  | \$300,000.00    |                 | \$300,000.00    |
| 1176.34200.000.0531   | Other Contractual Services |                 | \$300,000.00    | \$300,000.00    |
| <b>Park &amp; Rec</b> |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| 1219.31701.000.0000   | Materials                  | \$1,000.00      |                 | \$1,000.00      |
| 1219.21901.000.0000   | Chemicals                  |                 | \$500.00        | \$500.00        |
| 1219.42601.000.0000   | Equipment                  |                 | \$500.00        | \$500.00        |

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

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following salary ordinances:

SALARY ORDINANCE

| <u>FUND</u><br><u>#/DEPT.</u>  | <u>REQUESTED</u><br><u>HOURLY/BI-</u><br><u>WEEKLY</u> | <u>APPROVED</u> |
|--|--|-----------------|
| <b>Jail (0380)</b><br>Jailer - Jaxon Love (effective<br>6/17/2023)                   | \$19.98  | \$19.98         |
| <b>Golden Meadows (0622)</b><br>Administrator (EX4) - Vivyan Lloyd (retro 5/27/2023) | \$2,191.65   | \$2,191.65      |

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

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, reported to the Council that the sale of the Golden Meadows property is complete and that he has invested the revenues.

Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen informed Council he has received a letter of proposal from Elevatus to do a study on a judicial center for Adams County. The amount needed is \$19,500.00 for the work done so far. He sought a consensus to pay that cost. No additional appropriation was sought so only a consensus could be done at this meeting. The consensus is to seek an additional appropriation to be paid out of ARPA.

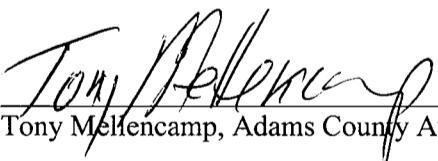
Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to pay the letter of proposal study to Elevatus, in the amount of \$19,500.00, out of ARPA revenues. Motion Carried.

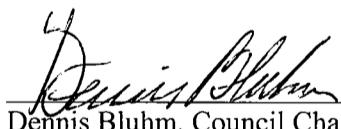
Councilman John Summers asked if there was a way to negotiate a better payment system on the hospital bond. He felt since the hospital had refinanced more than once and their payments have lowered, while the county has not. Commissioner Steve Bailey noted the hospital has been sending revenues back to the local units, including the county, as a reimbursement to offset some of those costs. Summers wondered whether an independent Attorney could come in and look at the contract. It wasn't to question current legal counsel, but as a small community it may be good to have someone from the outside to investigate it, according to Summers.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and seconded by Bob Rhoades to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
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Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor

  
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Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman