

The Adams County Council met July 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Dennis Bluhm, John Summers, Cathy Mitchel, Bob Rhoades (via remote), Cory Sprunger, Fred Velez, Rex Moore (via remote); 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 (via remote), and Stan Stoppenhagen, and Steve Kuhn, were also in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Cathy Mitchel, the June 13, 2023 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to approve Resolution 2023-16, an amount of \$19,500.00 for Elevatus for work done on the scope of the judicial center project. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the \$15,800.00 from ARPA, Resolution 2023-17, for covered bridge paint and repair. Motion Carried. The other \$15,000.00 will come from the Covered Bridge fund.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by John Summers to approve Ordinance 2023-13, LIT rate changes to start January, 2024. Motion Carried. This will add to the Public Safety Lit (.04), create a PSAP .02), with .6% certified shares, .4% Economic Development, and property tax relief at .29%, and will change the percentages of the property tax relief allocation from 84% in the 1% allocation, and 16% in the 2% allocation, to 55% in the 1% allocation, 10% in the 2% allocation type, and 35% in the Residential Property allocation type.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following salary ordinances:

Fund#/Dept.	Requested	Approved
Golden Meadows (0622)		
Full time maintenance supervisor (NE5) – Scott McCollum (retro 7/8/23)	\$19.23	\$19.23
Full time nursing assistant (NE2) – Tempie Johnson (retro 7-1-23)	\$14.55	\$14.55
Park & Rec (1219)		
Fitness Center Office Manager (NE1) – Molly Carl	\$13.64	\$13.64

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

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve a school liaison grant application in the amount of \$220,000.00, sought by the Adams County Health Department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve a grant application for \$25,000, for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, sought by the Health Department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve additional ARPA revenues to go to the generator project in the amount of \$249,481.94. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve a wage review result with a facility maintenance technician at Golden Meadows moving from NE4 to NE 5. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve Ordinance 2023-14, regarding the Sheriff Commissary Fund. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Rex Moore to approve an ARPA request in the amount of \$110,034.13 to Oakwood Community Association. Motion Carried.

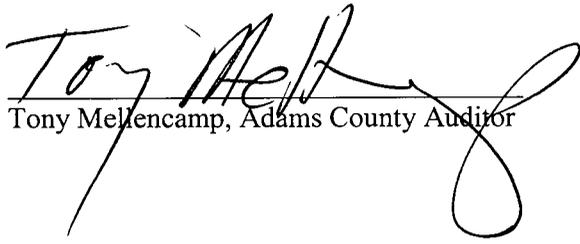
Two ARPA requests, one from the Adams Public Library, and one from the Adams-Wells Crisis Center, were tabled for further review.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to retain Attorney John Becker, with Church Church Hittle + Antrim, out of Noblesville, Indiana, to research the hospital bond issue from 2002. Motion Carried. Nay votes were Cathy Mitchel and Rex Moore. Dennis Bluhm, Council President, only votes in case of a tie, so he did not need to register a vote as the end result was 4 yes and 2 no.

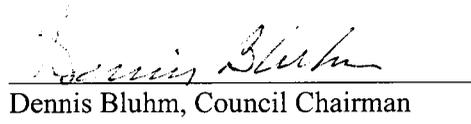
There had been discussion that the cost of the attorney would be \$275.00 per hour with a possible ten-hour time frame. That was not noted as part of the motion, however. Discussion ensued between Hospital Attorney, Adam Miller, County Council members, and Commissioners.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and seconded by John Summer to adjourn. Motion carried.



Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman