

The Adams County Council met October 10, 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 Steve Kuhn, were also in attendance.

IN RE:

MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades the September 12, 2023 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

SOLID WASTE BUDGET ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger to close the Adams County Council Meeting in order to hold a public hearing for the Solid Waste budget. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Rex Moore to approve Ordinance 2023-19, the Solid Waste Budget, as presented. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to close the hearing of the Solid Waste Management Board and enter into the regular council meeting. Motion Carried.

BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to exit the regular council meeting and enter the budget hearing. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve overall budget number of \$32,214,645.00 for 2024. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the health insurance go to \$1.7 million, down from \$2 million. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to exit the budget hearing and enter the regular council meeting. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to approve Ordinance 2023-20, 2024 Adams County Budget. Motion Carried. Cory Sprunger was a no vote due to the tax part of the overall budget.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-21, as submitted by the Adams County Council. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by John Summers to approve Resolution 2023-26, severance pay/retention bonuses for Golden Meadows employees who remain until closure, as well as severance/retention for the interim director. Motion Carried. There was discussion regarding this issue. Auditor Mellencamp noted his office had to consult with State Board of Accounts and with the County Attorney's to make sure it was all done correctly since the county has never had a policy concerning bonuses. Commissioner Steve Bailey apologized to all and stated the Commissioners should have consulted with the other parties before presenting it for the first time at the September Council meeting. Auditor Mellencamp noted the Golden Meadows employees and the Director are all covered under statute for severance pay/retention bonus. The HR bonus is separate and will be paid out of the Commissioner budget.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Rex Moore to award a bonus to HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, a \$5,000 bonus for stepping in as interim director for several months. This motion was defeated by a 4-2 vote.

Upon a motion by Bob Rhoades and second by Rex Moore to award HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, \$2,000, for her extra duties as Golden Meadows Interim Director at the request of the Commissioners. Motion Carried. No votes were Cory Sprunger and Fred Velez.

Upon a motion by Cathy Mitchel and second by Rex Moore to approve Resolution 2023-27, an ARPA request submitted by the Adams County Commissioners for \$6,000, to provide a land survey be done on the jail property to see what is able to be done in the future. This includes denoting flood plain, wetlands, and any of those type things. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Bob Rhoades and second by Rex Moore to approve Resolution 2023-28, an ARPA request for up to \$50,000.00 for the Adams Public Library for a van. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve Resolution 2023-29, an ARPA request for \$160,000.00 to allow the Adams County Surveyor to purchase a truck and trailer. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve Resolution 2023-30, an ARPA request for \$127,870.00 to the Adams-Wells Crisis Center. Motion Carried. Cory Sprunger was a no vote.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve Resolution 2023-31, allowing interest in the Surveyor's budget (general drain improvement ) to remain in his budget and not go to County General. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following salary ordinances and additional appropriation:

<u>FUND #/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED HOURLY/BI-WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<b>Assessor (0008)</b> Reassessment/Data Entry Deputy NE4 - Christine Imel-Ortiz (retro 9/16/2023)	9.79/hr	9.79/h
<b>Probation (0273)</b> Secretary NE4 - Amy Howell (retro 9/23/2023)	\$17.76/hr	\$17.76/h
<b>Jail (0380)</b> Jailer - Joseph Collier (retro 9/2/2023)	\$19.98/hr	\$19.98/h
<b>Health (1159)</b> Part Time Public Health Nurse - Melinda Michaels (retro 10/2/2023)	\$23.54/hr	\$23.54/h
<b>93.354 Public Health Emergency (8113)</b> School Liaison NE5 - Sadi Curtis (effective 10/16/2023)	\$19.23/hr	\$19.23/h
<b>Highway (1176)</b> Head Mechanic NE6+\$1.20 - Kenric Gould (retro 9/16/2023)	\$23.44/hr	\$23.44/h

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

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
<b><u>LIT Economic Development</u></b>		
1112.35206.000.0000 ACEDC	\$10,330.00	\$10,330.00
<b><u>LIT Economic Development</u></b>		
1112.35501.000.0000 hospital	\$433,372.00	\$433,372.00
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$443,702.00</b>	<b>\$443,3723.00</b>

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to approve the additional appropriation. Motion Carried.

**TRANSFER BY RESOLUTION**

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<b>Weight &amp; Measures</b>				
1000.21100.000.0308	Office Supplies	\$400.00		\$400.00
1000.31700.000.0308	Travel	\$300.00		\$300.00
1000.11703.000.0308	Inspectors		\$700.00	\$700.00
<b>EMA</b>				
1000.11103.000.0361	Director	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
1000.11401.000.0361	Admin. Assistant		\$2,348.00	\$2,348.00
1000.11500.000.0361	Overtime		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
1000.31700.000.0361	Travel		\$852.00	\$852.00
<b>Golden Meadows</b>				
1000.21702.000.0622	Softener Salt	\$400.00		\$400.00
1000.22400.000.0622	Housekeeping Supplies	\$400.00		\$400.00
1000.33102.000.0622	Utilities	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
1000.32201.000.0622	Advertising		\$800.00	\$800.00
1000.34001.000.0622	Farm & Yard		\$500.00	\$500.00
1000.31305.000.0622	Medical Director		\$500.00	\$500.00
1000.38300.000.0622	Consulting Fees		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the transfers. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve four EMA grants that had previously been approved by the Commissioners. Motion Carried. They include a \$5,000 grant for an awareness class for hybrid electric vehicles and the possibility of their hazardous chemicals; a \$1,000.00 grant for Hazmat Operations Training; a grant for \$5,661.41 for a device to test the air quality if a chemical escapes into the air; a \$14,943.00 grant for five multigas detectors to put in each fire department in Adams County. This will include the materials to calibrate and keep the machines maintained

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the hiring of a deputy in the Sheriff's Department at first year pay rather than probationary pay, assuming the person hired has experience. Motion Carried.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

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

  
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Tony Melencamp, Adams County Auditor

  
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Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman

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