

The Adams County Council met January 9, 2024, 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 (via remote), and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Bailey, Stan Stoppenhagen, were also in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Cathy Mitchel, the December 12, 2023 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

REORGANIZATION

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Rex Moore to nominate Dennis Bluhm for Council President and Cory Sprunger for Vice-President. Motion Carried. They retain their offices from the year prior.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Rex Moore to approve the interlocal agreement with Wells County for services of County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag. Wells County will pay Adams County \$1,500.00 per week for three months for his services. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Bob Rhoades and second by John Summers to approve Resolution 2024-2, and amendment of Resolution 2023-41, adjusting Park and Rec ARPA down by \$19,000.00 due to over spending in another ARPA request. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve the Community Corrections Advisory Board request to allow Community Corrections to be eligible for the up to .25 cents for performance evaluations. Motion Carried. The Community Corrections Advisory Board will advise on wages for all Community Corrections department, and the department will not participate in the Adams County Compensation Plan.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve Community Corrections Advisory Board request that case managers pay is based off when they become case managers and not off the hire date or the date they obtain a Probation License. All case managers within the Community Corrections Department will follow the State of Indiana Minimum Salary Schedule for Probation Officers, published annually. Motion Carried

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Mellencamp submitted the following salary ordinances:

<u>FUND</u> <u>#/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>HOURLY/BI-</u> <u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>ALL EFFECTIVE 1/1/2024</u>		
Assessor (0008)		
NE4 - Christine Imel-Ortiz	\$19.27/hr	\$19.27/h
Commissioners (0068)		
Highway Engineer - Nate Rumschlag	\$4,595.39	\$4,595.39
Jail (0380)		
Part Time Facility Maintenance (NE6) - Kriss Affolder	\$22.51/hr	\$22.51/h
Jailer - Adam Mckenzie	\$21.52/hr	\$21.52/h
Jailer - Conrad Dyer	\$21.52/hr	\$21.52/h
Jailer - Luke Roby	\$21.52/hr	\$21.52/h
Jailer - Beau Butler	\$21.52/hr	\$21.52/h
Jailer - Hunter Kongar	\$20.69/hr	\$20.69/h
Jailer - Gunner Butler	\$20.69/hr	\$20.69/h
Jailer - Maverick Campbell	\$20.69/hr	\$20.69/h
Jailer - Brandy Bergman	\$20.69/hr	\$20.69/h
Jailer - Korbin Hower (effective 1/20/2024)	\$20.58/hr	\$20.58/h
Sheriff (1170)		
Deputy - Larry Butler	\$37.62/hr	\$37.62/h
Deputy - James Franze	\$33.03/hr	\$33.03/h
Deputy - Ty Hanni	\$33.03/hr	\$33.03/h
Deputy - Bryce Kukelhan	\$32.17/hr	\$32.17/h
Deputy - John Wheeler	\$32.17/hr	\$32.17/h
Deputy - Nick Engle	\$31.02/hr	\$31.02/h
Deputy - Seth Prince	\$31.88/hr	\$31.88/h
Court Security - Andrew Guise	\$22.14/hr	\$22.14/h

Court Security - Alexis Ochoa (effective 1/6/2024)	\$21.52/hr	\$21.52/h
E911 (1222)		
Dispatcher - Nichol Ausland	\$21.22/hr	\$21.22/h
Dispatcher - Christina Booth (effective 1/13/2024)	\$20.02/hr	\$20.02/h
IT (9600)		
Technology Training Coordinator - Sara Phegley	\$24.72/hr	\$24.72/h
Highway (1176)		
Superintendent - Brad Yoder	\$2,320.20	\$2,320.20
Assistant Superintendent - Paul Zerby	\$24.63/hr	\$24.63/h
Health (1161)		
School Liaison - Sadi Curtis	\$19.81/hr	\$19.81/h
Preparedness Coordinator - Karla Marbach	\$20.34/hr	\$20.34/h
Part Time Nurse RN	\$24.25/hr	\$24.25/h
Community Corrections		
Executive Director - Ian Gilbert	\$37.90/hr	\$37.90/h
Assistant Director - Jeremy Wetter	\$25.55/hr	\$25.55/h
Field Officer - Aaron Thieme	\$18.86/hr	\$18.86/h
Case Manager Supervisor - Stephanie Beaver	\$30.02/hr	\$30.02/h

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to approve the amended salary ordinance.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by John Summers to appoint all of the following council appointments: Beth Koorsen, a 3-year term to the Adams Public Library Board, Julie-Marie Brown as Council Attorney for one year; Jeff Kiess to the PTBOA for one year, Toby Sprunger for one year to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Motion Carried.

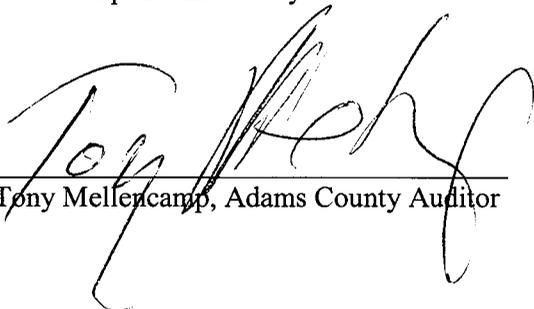
Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the Adams County Sheriff's Salary Contract for Dan Mawhorr, in the amount of \$119,035.00. Motion Carried. This had already been approved by the Commissioners and the salary is based on a percentage of what Judge's make, per Indiana statute,

Barb Lehrman, EMA Director, provided Council with an annual report for 2023 and highlighted plans for 2024 for the local Emergency Management Agency.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve paying the final amount, \$87,218.52, needed to finish the IT Switch update out of Rainy-Day fund contingent upon Commissioner approval of declaring it an emergency need. Motion Carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by John Summers and seconded by Fred Velez to adjourn. Motion carried.



Tony Mellenkamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman