

The Adams County Council met April 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, and HR Coordinator Shannon Greene. Commissioners, Steve Bailey, Stan Stoppenhagen, were also in attendance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Cory Sprunger, the March 12, 2024 Adams County Council Minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

COUNTY ENGINEER GRANT

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the Highway and Engineer Department pursuing a grant for Bridge 27. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Cory Sprunger to approve the abatement request for Red Gold, noting they are in compliance. This allows the annual CF1 form to be completed. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR

		<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
<u>Local Public Health Services (1161)</u>			
1161.12301.000.0000	Social Security	\$5,445.00	\$5,445.00
1161.12402.000.0000	PERF	\$8,338.00	\$8,338.00
1161.30100.000.0000	Contracted Services	\$22,899.00	\$22,899.00
1161.12004.000.0000	Nurse	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
1161.11417.000.0000	School Liaison	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
1161.11300.000.0000	Part Time	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
1161.21301.000.0000	Environmental Supplies	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
1161.21201.000.0000	Health Engineer	\$3,047.00	\$3,047.00
1161.21100.000.0000	Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
1161.31700.000.0000	Travel	\$18,598.00	\$18,598.00
<u>Elected Official Training (1217)</u>			
1217.31103.000.0000	Auditor Training	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1217.31205.000.0000	Clerk Training	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1217.31403.000.0000	Surveyor Training	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1217.31503.000.0000	Treasurer Training	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<u>Transfer Fee (2502)</u>			
2502.11816.000.0000	Plat Book Engineer	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
<u>American Rescue Plan Act (8950)</u>			
8950.31100.000.0000	Legal Fees/Services	\$19,444.00	\$19,444.00
8950.31901.000.0000	Scanning Microfilming	\$606,765.00	\$606,765.00
8950.33605.000.0000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$214,516.00	\$214,516.00
8950.34104.000.0000	Rent	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

8950.38300.000.0000	Consulting Fees	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
8950.42601.000.0000	Equipment	\$1,184,031.00	\$1,184,031.00
8950.42702.000.0000	Computer Software Purchases	\$194,384.00	\$194,384.00
8950.43100.000.0000	Other Capital Outlays	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Total All Funds		\$2,851,567.00	\$2,851,567.00

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Cathy Mitchel to approve the additional Motion Carried.

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Commissioners				
1000.11711.000.0068	Title VI ADA	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
1000.11500.000.0068	Overtime		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Cumulative Bridge				
1135.42601.000.0000	Equipment	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
1135.30100.000.0000	Contractual Services		\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Community Corrections				
1122.22302.000.0000	Wearing Apparel	\$1,700.00		\$1,700.00
1123	CTP		\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
9122.34101.000.0000	Equipment Rental/Leasing	\$8,995.11		\$8,995.11
9103	Drug Court DOC Grant		\$8,995.11	\$8,995.11

Upon a motion by Cory Sprunger and second by Fred Velez to approve the transfers by resolution. Motion Carried. Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Bob Rhoades to approve the additional appropriations. Motion Carried.

<u>FUND #/DEPT.</u>	<u>REQUESTED HOURLY/BI-WEEKLY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Jail (0380)		
Jailer - Parker McKenzie (effective 4/13/2024)	\$20.58/hr	\$20.58/hr
Jailer - Londyn Lee	\$20.58/hr	\$20.58/hr
Highway (1176)		
Maintenance Operator NE6 - Clinton York (retro 3/18/2024)	\$21.78/hr	\$21.78/hr
Maintenance Operator NE6 - Clinton York (retro 3/18/2024)	\$22.38/hr	\$22.38/hr
Operator - Adam Myers (retro 1/22/2024)	\$23.75/hr	\$23.75/hr

IN RE:

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Rex Moore to accept the letter from Adams Memorial Hospital regarding its five-year plan and intention to pay off the hospital bond in 2029 rather than 2033, into the record. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by John Summers and second by Fred Velez to approve Microsoft volume licensing at a cost of \$115,765.55 each year for the three-year contract. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Fred Velez and second by Bob Rhoades to approve a grant application from the ACCF for the Highway Department for 3 high voltage checking equipment which shows the range of voltage, in the amount of \$3000.00. Motion Carried

Sheriff Dan Mawhorr reported that the total eclipse in Adams County went well. Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner Chairman, provided several updates to the County Council members.

Following is the letter submitted by the hospital.

1. **Community outreach. including a focus on Amish outreach** - We want to build relationships with various groups and organizations throughout the county. As part of this, we will continue to meet with representatives of the Amish community.
2. **Continue to expand OB** -As other counties have had their OB birthing centers closed, our board has decided to build and expand our commitment to provide, and even expand, these services to our community.
3. **To be an employer of choice-We** want our employees to be proud of being a part of the Adams Health Network and we want to provide wages, benefits, and an environment that makes people want to be a part of Adams Health Network.
4. **To work with local employers for solutions** - We want to work with local employers and community leaders to make sure that we are meeting and exceeding the necessary healthcare needs for their employees and staff.
5. **Continue to build primarycare, Behavioral Health, and Specialty Access.**
6. **Continue to meet the needs of senior living for Baby Boomers and beyond-As** part of this goal, we have been renovating and expanding Woodcrest Nursing Home, Independent Living, and Assisted Living.
7. **5-Star commitment to quality and value across the organization** - Both Adams Woodcrest and Adams Heritage are rated 5-star facilities. We are committed to maintaining this high quality and value at these facilities, but I also believe that our providers, nurses, EMS, and all of the staff at the hospital are providing 5-star care, and the entire organization is committed to having CMS recognize us as a top-rated hospital.
8. **Remain independent.** - Continue to honor the direction of community leaders and the Vision of the hospital: *To remain independent and be the trusted healthcare provider for our community.*
9. **Pay off the outstanding hospital bonds early.** Although the outstanding bonds are scheduled to be paid in full in 2033, we are committed to paying them off in 2029.

It is this last goal of our strategic plan that brings us here today. We want to inform the county of the hospital's intent to pay off the hospital bonds early in 2029.

As we work toward this goal, we first want to recognize the commitment that was made more than 20 years ago by the county commissioners, county council, the cities of Decatur and Berne,

the towns of Geneva and Monroe, and the citizens of all of Adams County, to support the hospital and to commit to the hospital remaining independent. The leaders back at that time and since have consistently voiced the importance of remaining independent by owning, operating, and controlling our hospital.

Today, two decades later, we believe it was a very good decision. Since that commitment over 20 years ago, Adams Memorial Hospital has continued to expand and to provide for the healthcare needs of all our community. We now have more than 1,000 employees and a payroll that exceeds \$60,000,000.00 annually. These employees pay local and State income taxes, and property taxes and support our local businesses.

Since the new hospital opened in 2005, we have been able to expand healthcare services throughout the county. We have built new medical office buildings in Decatur, Monroe, and most recently, Geneva. We have also established a medical office in Monroeville to meet the needs of individuals living in southeast Allen County and northeast Adams County. We have increased the size of StatCare and Behavioral Health and have relocated those services to 13th Street in Decatur, along with a new retail pharmacy.

Not only are we continually increasing the services that we can provide, we also are increasing the number of providers and staff in family medicine, surgery, OB, sports medicine, and pain management. We even have our surgical robot.

In addition to providing what we believe to be excellent healthcare, we also support the community in many other ways. Several recent larger contributions include the hospital baseball diamond at REV field in Hanna Nuttman Park and the Rails to Trails in Geneva and Berne. We are in the process of distributing 75 AED units to schools, churches, government buildings, and larger gathering places in our community, along with education on how to use the AEDs. The hospital also has placed athletic trainers in all three of our local high schools.

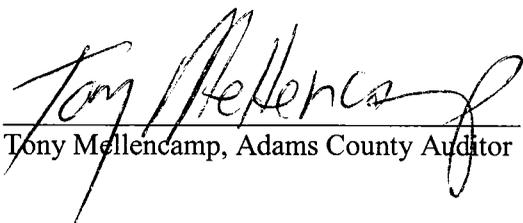
Along with these commitments to the community, the Board and administration have committed to setting aside funds to use toward the early payoff of the hospital bonds by the end of 2029. This will be done along with the funds that the local income tax council pledged for the hospital back in 2001. By paying the bonds in full by the end of 2029, the last year that the county will need to collect the .2 of 10/0 EDIT tax will be in 2028 since those funds are paid out in 2029.

We recognize that you and the county council have been looking at various needs within the county, and as you are planning to meet these needs, we believe it is important to let you know of the hospital's commitment to pay the outstanding bonds off early.

IN RE:

ADJOURN

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



Tony Mellencamp, Adams County Auditor



Dennis Bluhm, Council Chairman

An open joint work session with Commissioners and Council was held following the County Council meeting to discuss budgets, wages, engineer.

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