

The Adams County Council met October 9, 2018, 8:30 a.m., in the Adams County Service Complex. Those present were Council Members, Steve Bailey, Tony Mellencamp, Eric Orr, Stan Stoppenhagen, Ed Dyer, Dennis Bluhm, and Phil Wulliman; County Attorney, Mark Burry; County Auditor, Mary Beery; and Claims Deputy Auditor, Brianna Brodbeck. Commissioners, Doug Bauman, Kim Fruechte, and Rex Moore were in attendance as their meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Steve Bailey, the September 11, 12, & 13, 2018 minutes of the Adams County Council were approved. Motion carried.

IN RE: SUSPEND COUNCIL MEETING

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Eric Orr, to suspend the regular meeting of Council to enter into the budget adoption. Motion carried.

IN RE: ORDINANCE 2018-11 FOR ADAMS COUNTY

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Dennis Bluhm, for approval of the 2019 budget by passage of Ordinance 2018-11, an ordinance or resolution for appropriations and tax rates. Motion carried.

IN RE: COUNTY SALARY ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE 2018-12

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey, seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen, for approval of the State Board of Accounts required 144's showing all salaries of full and part-time County Employees for calendar year 2019. Motion carried.

IN RE: ORDINANCE 2018-13 ADAMS COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Dennis Bluhm, for approval of the 2019 budget by passage of Ordinance 2018-13, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Motion carried.

IN RE: RESUME COUNCIL MEETING

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Eric Orr, to close the budget adoption of the Adams County Council for the 2019 budgets and resume the September meeting of County Council. Motion carried.

IN RE: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Director, Sandra Voglewede, presented the quarterly report (on file in the Auditor's Office) of the Soil & Water Conservation. The following are some of the items mentioned:

- Worked with the jet fuel where 8,190 gallons spilled into the St. Mary's River on September 7, 2018.
- Stone Lab Trip: September 10, 2018 at Lake Erie.
- Field Day: September 5, 2018 at Mike Werling, Decatur, Indiana with 54 people attended. Topics on cover crops, right source, rate, time and place; beneficial insects, nutrient management, soil health, etc.
- John Kempf Clearspring Produce Auction: August 13, 2018 at 1871 E 200 , LaGrange, Indiana.
- Pasture Walk: July 24, 2018; 7:00 p.m. at Sam & Laura Hilty, 373 E 350 S, Berne, Indiana. Pasture management techniques, cover crop planting, grazing, and clean water.
- Locally Led Partner Conservation Meeting: September 20, 2018; 5:00 p.m. at Decatur USDA Service Center, 975 S. 11th Street, Decatur, Indiana .
- 2018 Education Report - Provided programs and education for youths in Adams County.
- Provided updated job descriptions for the County Conservationist and Assistant Conservationist.
- Provided a 2019-2023 Business Plan – What they would like to implement in the next 5 years.
- Working with Allen County on developing a watershed management plan for the Flatrock Creek – Auglaize River.
- Applied for a grant to help clean up watersheds. They will know in February 2019 if they are awarded it.
- Adams County SWCD was selected as the winner of the 2018 District Showcase award.
- Sandy completed the Soil Health and Sustainability Training on August 28-30 2018 in West Lafayette, Indiana.

IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER

Managing Public Defender, Brad Weber, met with the board to give an update on his office. The Public Defender Board, Prosecuting Attorney, both judges, and County Attorney met and discussed the caseload of the Public Defenders. The formula for reimbursement is based on the percentage of misdemeanors and once they hit 1.0%, the cases will not be reimbursed. The cases have been running at a peak level for the past couple of years. He informed the board they are actively tracking caseloads and informed them they may have to hire an additional public defender in the future. The prosecutor and the chief deputy prosecutor are working hard on resolving the level six and misdemeanors at the initial hearing. If they get resolved at the initial hearing, they do not need to use a public defender. Prosecutors and public defenders have been meeting with inmates at the jail to set a goal at resolving the case for the individual inmates. The public defender board meets on a quarterly basis.

IN RE: HEALTH SERVICES FOR INMATES

Sheriff, Shane Rekeweg, reminded Council of the discussion held during budgets on finding a new vendor for inmate medical. The contract with Adams Memorial Hospital ends on December 31, 2018. He is working with another potential vendor called Quality Correctional Care. This new vendor is approximately \$50,000 different from Advanced Correctional Healthcare but there are also differences in the contracts. Both firms have concerns and loopholes such as

transferring inmates and handling confidentiality of medical records. Sheriff Rekeweg stated the board needs to decide before the Commissioners make a decision or Council needs to say they will support what the Commissioners decide.

Consensus of Council was they would support their choice financially, appropriate the funds, and allow the Commissioners to proceed.

IN RE: COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018

position	term beginning	term ending	appointee
Board of Trustee of Berne Public Library	10/30/2018	10/30/2021	Ted Rich

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Phil Wulliman, to approve the appointment of Ted Rich, to fill the remainder of the term of Michael Bauserman, as a member of the Berne Public Library board. Motion carried.

IN RE: 2018 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

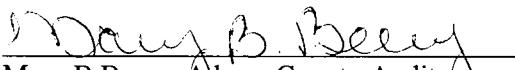
	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Building Department (312)		
Level III		
Kellie Morningstar - Retro to 1/1/18	\$1,019.23	\$1,019.23
Community Corrections (2540)		
Field Officer (Full-Time)		
Taylor Rowe - Retro to 9/14/18	\$283.85	\$283.85
Sheriff (1170)		
Troy Habegger - Retro to 9/8/18	\$1,728.00	\$1,728.00

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen, seconded by Dennis Bluhm, the above salary ordinances were approved by Council. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Ed Dyer, seconded by Steve Bailey, the October 9, 2018 meeting of the Adams County Council was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


 Mary B Beery, Adams County Auditor


 Tony Mellencamp, Council President