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From: Barney Bier <bsbier@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Public Access
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Adams County Board Violation of Open Meetings Act Discussion of Elected Official's Salaries in Closed Session
Attachments: REQUEST FOR REVIEW ADAMS C.B. SALARIES CLOSED SESSION.pdf; Ex. 1 Adams County Board May 10, 2022 Agenda.pdf; Elected Officials Salaries; Note_20220510_1930.mp3; Ex. 4 2022-05-001-022 -Salary Resolution To Increase Elected Officials' Salaries.pdf; Ex. 5 Adams County Board Minutes from May 10 Meeeting.pdf; Ex. 6 Muddy River News Article.pdf; Ex. 6 Finance Committee Minutes May 9 2022.pdf

Leah Bartelt, Public Access Counselor

Dear Ms. Batelt:

My name is Barney Bier. I am an attorney in Quincy, Illinois. I am submitting a Request for Review signed by several Adams County residents for your consideration. Those residents include: Steve McQueen, Jon McCoy, James Fisher, John Spake, Jeremy Allen, Brian Garrett and Jason McCoy. Their names, signatures and contact information are contained in the REQUEST FOR REVIEW ADAMS C.B. SALARIES CLOSED SESSION document attached. I drafted the letter on their behalf. At the suggestion of one of your staff members, I have also signed the letter as one of the persons asking for a Request for Review. You may contact me for further information or comment. If you desire I have no objection to you contacting those individuals directly.

It is their contention that the Adams County Board and the Adams County Finance Committee improperly held closed meetings on May 10, 2022 and May 9, 2022 to discuss salaries of elected officials. Those elected officials would include themselves as County Board Members and other elected county wide officials including County Clerk, County Treasurer and Circuit Clerk. I believe it is clear that county boards cannot go into executive session to discuss their own salaries or the salaries of other elected officials. They are not employees under the Open Meetings Act but are office holders. Your office has come to the same conclusion on more than one occasion. In Ill. Att. Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. No. 17-103 (2017) the Public Access Counselor found that members of the Village Board are not employees of public bodies under Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act but are office holders. Similarly, in Ill. Att. Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. No. 18-015 (2018) your office determined that the Finance Committee of the McClean County Board improperly held closed meetings to discuss salaries of elected office holders. That case involved the elect County auditor.

In both cases your office made a determination that the public bodies violated the Open Meetings Act and that the appropriate remedy for the violations would be that the public bodies disclose to the persons submitting the Request for Review and the public at large a verbatim recording of the applicable closed sessions. That is what the requestors seek in this instance, that is, a determination of violation and an order of full disclosure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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June 30, 2022

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Re: VIOLATION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
Request for Review
Adams County Board Meeting May 10, 2022
Adams County Finance Committee Meeting May 9, 2022
Executive Session to Discuss Increase In Salaries for Count Board Members
and Elected County Wide Office Holders

Dear Ms. Bartelt:

On May 10, 2022 the Adams County Board went into executive session for the stated purpose to discuss salary increases for elected County Board Members and for county wide elected office holders including the Adams County Clerk, County Treasurer and Circuit Clerk. The Adams County Board went into executive session, outside of the ears of the public, for over a half an hour. When the Adams County Board came out of executive session, without any further discussion, they voted to give themselves and other elected officials substantial raises. Those raises included a 22% raise for the Adams County Board Chairman, a 23% raise for committee chairmen, a nearly 10% raise for the remaining board members and a nearly 10% raise for the Adams County Clerk, Treasurer and Circuit Clerk. We believe the Adams County Board violated the Open Meetings Act by discussing the potential salary increases of county board members and other elected office holders in closed session. Please take this letter as our request for a Request for Review.

We are enclosing/attaching several documents for your review. The first item is the Adams County Board Agenda for May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. You will notice under Finance Committee Report the salaries of elected officials is listed under Paragraph 3) b., Resolution 2022-05-001-022. The second item is an email sent by the Adams County Board Chairman, Kent Snider, and the Adams County Finance Committee Chairman, Brett Austin, dated May 10, 2022 at 2:50 p.m. to all the county board members. In that email, sent from the county email address of Mr. Austin, both Mr. Snider and Mr. Austin alert the remaining county board members that they will be going into executive session to discuss the "salaries of upcoming elected officials." A spread sheet is attached to the email outlining comparable salaries. The last sentence of the email directs the county board members to "not share this information with anyone outside the county board members."

The third attachment is an audio file taken by a news reporter at the Adams County Board Meeting of May 10, 2022. The audio file includes the portion of the meeting under the Finance Committee. The voice that is primarily heard on the audio file is that of the Finance Committee Chairman Brett Austin. At approximately seven minute thirty-six (7:36) mark the finance chair indicates that there is one more topic of discussion under finance and that is

the Resolution for Elected Officials Salary. During the discussion he asks that the matter be discussed under executive session "because it concerns people in this room," that is, county board members and other elected office holders. A discussion may be heard between Mr. Austin and Mr. Snider where they reach the conclusion that other items on the agenda should be considered first and that they will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss salaries of elected office holders. The fourth attachment is the subject of the closed session being a resolution entitled "Resolution #2022-05-001-022, 2022-2026 Elected Officials Wages." After discussing the salaries for elected officials for over a half an hour in executive session the County Board passed the resolution without any public debate or comment. There was simply a roll call vote. The Resolution passed 16 to 1 with Ryan Hinkamper being the sole no vote.

According to the minutes of the May 10th meeting, which is the fifth attachment, the Adams County Board went into executive session at the end of the meeting for the express purpose of discussing the salaries of elected officials. Referring to page 10 of the minutes, County Board member Obert made the motion to go into executive session to talk about salaries. After the motion was seconded the board went into executive session. When the open session resumed a motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-05-001-022, being Elected Officials Salary. The issue was discussed earlier in the meeting during the finance committee report. As referenced on page 6 of the minutes the Resolution was brought before the board and there was a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was withdrawn so the board could re-visit the motion at the end of the meeting during executive session.

The sixth document is a news article dated May 10, 2022 written by Robert Gough, news reporter and editor, of the Muddy River News which is an online news service based in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. It describes the events at the May 10, 2022 County Board Meeting and provides a description of the meeting including the discussion of salaries in closed session.

The County Board went into executive session without stating any statutory reason. Presumably, the reason, which is only a guess, to go into executive session was to discuss the compensation of specific employees, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). County board members and county wide elected officials are not employees but are office holders. Your office as well as the Courts have so found on more than one occasion. There are no other subsections of Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act which apply. If the Adams County Board does suggest to the Public Access Counselor that there was a legitimate reason to go into Executive Session we would like the opportunity to reply.

In addition to Open Meetings Act violation committed by the entire County Board, the Adams County Finance Committee committed the same violation at its committee meeting held on May 9, 2022. Those minutes are the seventh document attached to this letter. Under subsection b) of Resolutions on the first page the Elected Officials Salary resolution is listed. The committee members agreed to discuss the issue at the end of the meeting. At the end of the meeting, as referenced on page 2 Executive Session the committee went into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and resumed regular session at 6:51.

There may have been a similar violation at the Executive Committee meeting held on May 2, 2022 but those minutes have not been made available.

Upon information and belief that Adams County Clerk Ryan Niekamp attended the meeting. The County Clerk publishes the agenda, attends the meetings and presents the minutes. He may be contacted at the following address:

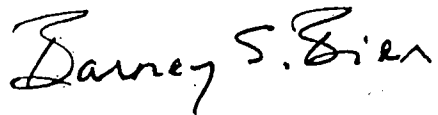
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The County Board Chairman, Kent Snider, can probably be reached at the same address. His listed county email address is: chairman@co.adams.il.us. The Finance Committee Chairman, Brett Austin, may be reached in a similar fashion. His listed county email address is: baustin@co.adams.il.us. On the Adams County Website their home addresses and contact information are listed.

The County Board members, under the leadership of the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the finance committee, went into executive session on more than one occasion to discuss their own raises as well as the raises of other elected officials. We request that your office review the matter, including the County Board Meeting of May 10, 2022, the Finance Committee meeting of May 9, 2022 and the Executive Committee meeting of May 2, 2022, and upon a determination that a violation has occurred, issue a binding opinion which would include not only findings of fact but remedial measures.


We, citizens, of Adams County, would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank You.

Sincerely,

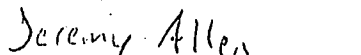


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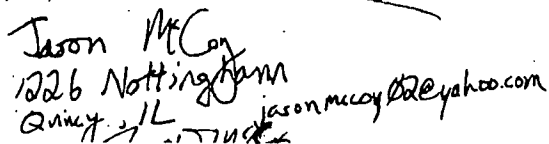
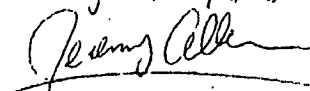
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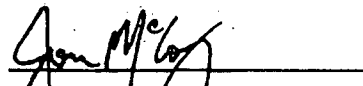
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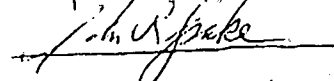
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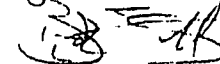
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ADAMS COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Adams County Board Room

507 Vermont Street | Quincy, IL. 62301 (2nd Floor)

Call Meeting To Order – R. Kent Snider, Chairman

Invocation & Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America

Roll Call – Ryan A. Niekamp, County Clerk

Declare A Quorum Present

Request to Speak:

Minutes – April 13, 2022

Transportation, Building & Technology

Committee Report

- 1) Bills
- 2) Reports
- 3) Resolutions
 - a. 2022-05-501-014 - Resolution reporting bids from the April 26, 2022 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Materials Letting for aluminum alloy culverts.
 - b. 2022-05-501-015 – Resolution reporting bids from the April 26, 2022 Road District Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Materials Letting for oil, hot-mix asphalt binder, culverts, lignin and oil & chip sealing.
 - c. 2022-05-501-016 – Resolution reporting bids from the May 3, 2022 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Letting for oil and chip sealing various County Highways.
 - d. 2022-05-501-017 – Resolution approving a utility relocation agreement with Ameren Illinois for the relocation of a high pressure natural gas system in and around the South 48th Street and State Street intersection and authorizing the Adams County Board Chairman to sign the agreement.

Legislative & Judicial

Committee Report

- 1) Bills

- 2) Reports
- 3) County Code
 - a. None
- 4) Resolution/Action
 - a. Resolution 2022-05-121-027 – Temporary Change in Polling Location
 - b. Intergovernmental Agreement for Schools Against Fearful Environments (S.A.F.E.)
- 5) Appointments
 - a. Appointment of Steve Adair as a Trustee to the Lima-Tioga Fire Protection District for a three-year term set to Expire on April 1, 2025.
 - b. Appointment of Scott Dedert as a Trustee to the Ursa Street Light District effective May 2, 2022, and set to Expire on the First Monday of May, 2025.
 - c. Appointment of Mike Benjamin as a Trustee to the Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District set to Expire the First Monday in May, 2025.
- 6) Firework Permit
 - a. None
- 7) Event Liquor License
 - a. Special Liquor License for the Adams County Fairgrounds for the Adams County Fair for July 27, 2022 through August 2, 2022
 - b. One-Day Liquor License for the Adams County Fairgrounds for the Adams County Tractor Pull for July 3, 2022 from 10AM until 11:59PM
 - c. One-Day Liquor License for the Camp Point Wrestling Club's Summer Fest on July 9, 2022 from 1PM until 11:59PM
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 - e. One-Day Liquor License for the Camp Point 4th of July for July 3, 2022 and July 4, 2022 in Camp Point

Public Health & Safety

Committee Report

- 1) Bills
- 2) Report
- 3) Resolution/Action

Finance

Committee Report

- 1) Bills
- 2) Report
- 3) Resolution
 - a. Tax Sale Resolution for Parcel 21-0-0457-000-00 located in the Fall Creek Township
 - b. Resolution 2022-05-001-022 – Elected Officials Salary
- 4) Finance

- a. Additional Fund Appropriation from Lori Geschwander – Circuit Clerk – in the amount of \$10,500 from Expense Line 421-421-5195 – Transfer to County General for Salaries – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$10,500.
- b. Transfer of Fund Appropriation from Richard Wagner – Sheriff – in the amount of \$110,000 from Account Line 005-001-5713 – ARPA Expense – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$7,108,217.69 and \$110,000 to Account Line 001-301-5150 – Sheriff: Salary-Overtime & Warrants – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$150,000.
- c. Transfer of Funds Appropriation from Richard Wagner – Sheriff – in the Amount of \$9,000 from Account Line 001-001-5999 – Contingency – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$133,500 and \$9,000 to Account Line 001-301-5637 – Jail Operating Supplies – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$29,000.

- 5) Budget/Levy
 - a. None
- 6) Insurance

Executive Committee

Committee Report

- 1) Report
- 2) Resolution/Action
 - a. Resolution 2022-05-231-023 – Adams County Sheriff Filing Cabinets
 - b. Resolution 2022-05-231-024 – Adams County Sheriff Ballistic Vests
 - c. Resolution 2022-05-231-024 – Adams County Sheriff Public Safety Worker Over Time COVID Response
 - d. Resolution 2022-05-411-026 – Adams County Public Defender Case Management Software
- 3) Discussion & Possible Action
 - a. None

Unfinished Business

- 1) Resolution / Action
 - a. None

New Business

- 1) Approval of Board Member Travel Vouchers
 - a. None
- 2) Monthly Reports:
Supervisor of Assessments/Board of Review, the Probation Department, Juvenile Detention Center, the County Clerk & Recorder's office, Sheriff's Department, Information Technology, the Public Defender, the Circuit Clerk, and the Treasurer's

office, Monthly check register for April 2022, and Funds Summary report for April 2022 including revenue and expenses.

- 3) Resignation
 - a. Brian VonderHaar – Emergency Telephone Systems Board
- 4) Appointments
 - a. David McCleary – Emergency Telephone Systems Board
- 5) Report
 - a. None
- 6) Announcements
 - a. None
- 7) Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Great River Economic Development Foundation Letter of Support for RISE Local and Regional Planning Grant

Correspondence

- 1) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Proposed Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit
- 2) Thank You Card from the Oakley Family
- 3) Thank You card from the Baker Family

Executive Session

- a. If Needed
- b. Action To Take, if needed

RECESS the meeting until JUNE 14, 2022

Dunham, Lorraine

From: Bret Austin <baustin@co.adams.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:50 PM
To: County Board Members (Adams CO)
Subject: Elected Officials Salaries
Attachments: 2022-2023 ELECTED POSITIONS WAGE BUDGET.xlsx

County Board Members,

Tonight we will be discussing in Executive Session the salaries for upcoming elected officials. We are required by state law to take this up at this time in order to have these set for the upcoming November election.

The attached spreadsheet provides data on comparable salaries by county size percentile. And also lists the suggested salaries at the end and a net budget impact to the county.

We will have a full discussion of this tonight but I wanted to make sure you had this spreadsheet before hand to look over the data. Feel free to print this out and bring it to the meeting but this is a draft version and nothing is decided until we discuss and vote tonight. Do not share this information with anyone outside the county board members.

Thanks

Kent and Bret



OFFICE OF
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ADAMS COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

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Citizens of Adams County,

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the Adams County Board Meeting.

To ensure that this document is available to you in a timely and convenient manner, the minutes are posted online very shortly after their approval. Within five to ten business days after the minute's approval, the document will be re-uploaded, and replaced, on the Adams County website with attachments that pertain to the business of the County Board at its stated meeting.

If the County Clerk's Office can help you in the interim, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Ryan A. Niekamp
County Clerk & Recorder

R. Kent Snider, Chairman



Adams County Board
507 Vermont Street
Quincy, IL. 62301

ADAMS COUNTY BOARD

COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 2022

7 P.M.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COUNTY BOARD
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**COUNTY OF ADAMS)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)**

The County Board of Adams County, Illinois met at the Courthouse, Quincy, Illinois, on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., pursuant to recess.

PRESENT: Kent Snider, Chairman
Ryan Niekamp, County Clerk

Mr. David Hoskins gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Snider called the meeting to order.

The County Clerk called the roll and the following members were present: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Total Present: 17 Absent: 4

Absent were: John Brady, Les Post, Dave Bellis and Taylor Rakers- All excused.

Chairman Snider declared a quorum present.

Officeholders, department heads, and/or their representatives also present were: Georgene Zimmerman- Supervisor of Assessments, Anthony Foster- Director of Court Services, Todd Nelson- Public Defender, , John Simon-EMA & Ambulance Director, Jim Frankenhoff- County Engineer, David Hochgraber- Director if IT and Lowell Klassert- Director of HR.

Mr. Zanger moved to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2022 county board meeting as printed and distributed.

Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2022 meeting as printed was adopted.

Transportation, Building & Technology

Committee Report (Mr. Hinkamper)

Bills – The committee met on Tuesday, May 10th to review the bills for the Highway Department, the Maintenance Department, and the Technology Department. All of the bills were in order.

Resolutions

The clerk read the following resolutions by title only and they were approved together:

- a. 2022-05-501-014 - Resolution reporting bids from the April 26, 2022 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Materials Letting for aluminum alloy culverts.
- b. 2022-05-501-015 – Resolution reporting bids from the April 26, 2022 Road District Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Materials Letting for oil, hot-mix asphalt binder, culverts, lignin and oil & chip sealing.
- c. 2022-05-501-016 – Resolution reporting bids from the May 3, 2022 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Letting for oil and chip sealing various County Highways.
- d. 2022-05-501-017 – Resolution approving a utility relocation agreement with Ameren Illinois for the relocation of a high pressure natural gas system in and around the South 48th Street and State Street intersection and
Mr. Hinkamper made a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Zanger seconded the motion.
Mr. Kerkhoff asked how long the agreement was for the gas. Mr. Hinkamper responded it was 48 months.
The resolutions were approved.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2022.

Legislative & Judicial

Committee Report (Mr. Peter)

Bills – The committee met on May 10th, 2022 to review the bills from the circuit Clerk, Juvenile Detention Center, Probation Department, Public Defender, State's Attorney, and the Supervisor of Assessments. All of the bills were in order.

Reports-

There were no reports.

Resolutions-

- a. Resolution 2022-05-121-027 – Temporary Change in Polling Location
The clerk read the resolution by title only.
Mr. Peter made a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Duesterhaus seconded the motion.
Mr. Peter stated this is what we tabled last month. He stated Quincy 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 will be moving to Grandview Church.

- b. Intergovernmental Agreement for Schools Against Fearful Environments (S.A.F.E.)
The clerk read the agreement by title only.
Mr. Peter made a motion to approve the agreement.
Mr. Duesterhaus seconded the motion.
Mr. Peter stated this was an agreement between our Sheriff's Office and the schools that has been done for a long time.
The intergovernmental Agreement was approved.

Appointments

The following appointments were approved together:

- a. Appointment of Steve Adair as a Trustee to the Lima-Tioga Fire Protection District for a three-year term set to Expire on April 1, 2025.

- b. Appointment of Scott Dedert as a Trustee to the Ursa Street Light District effective May 2, 2022, and set to Expire on the First Monday of May, 2025.

- c. Appointment of Mike Benjamin as a Trustee to the Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District set to Expire the First Monday in May, 2025.

Mr. Peter made a motion to approve the appointments.
Mr. Kerkhoff seconded the motion.
The appointments were approved.

Firework Permit

- a. Firework permit request for Todd Musolino to be held on August 21st and 22nd of 2022 at 3621 N. 12th in Quincy, IL 62301.
Mr. Peter made a motion to approve firework permit.
Mr. Sorensen seconded the motion.
The firework permit was approved.

Event Liquor License

The following event liquor licenses were approved together:

- a. Special Liquor License for the Adams County Fairgrounds for the Adams County Fair for July 27, 2022 through August 2, 2022.
- b. One-Day Liquor License for the Adams County Fairgrounds for the Adams County Tractor Pull for July 3, 2022 from 10AM until 11:59PM.
- c. One-Day Liquor License for the Camp Point Wrestling Club's Summer Fest on July 9, 2022 from 1PM until 11:59PM.
- d. One-Day Liquor License for Friends of Unit 4's Fall Festival on August 27, 2022 at the Adams County Fairgrounds.
- e. One-Day Liquor License for the Camp Point 4th of July for July 3, 2022 and July 4, 2022 in Camp Point.

Mr. Peter made a motion to approve the event liquor licenses.

Mrs. Bockhold seconded the motion.

The event liquor licenses were approved.

Mr. Peter stated the committee approved all of the executive session minutes to put them in record.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2022.

Public Health & Safety

Committee Report (Mrs. Fletcher)

Bills – The committee met on May 10th, 2022 and reviewed the bills for the Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Emergency Management Agency and Animal Control. All of the bills were in order.

Reports-

Mrs. Fletcher read the following department reports:

Coroner's Office- Scott Graham reported that the numbers were average with 84 reported deaths, 4 autopsies, 1 abandoned cremation and 41 cremation permits issued. There has been an increase in overdoses due to meth.

The Sheriff's office reported they received money from IDOC for housing inmates.

Ambulance/Emergency Management- John Simon reported that volume has been around 20 calls per day which is average in comparison to the last several months and they are at 95% staffing. He also reported the Hancock County agreement is going well.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2022.

Finance

Committee Report (Mr. Austin)

Bills – The committee met on May 9th, 2022 to review the bills. All of the bills were in order.

Report-

Resolution –

- a. Tax Sale Resolution for Parcel 21-0-0457-000-00 located in the Fall Creek Township.
The clerk read the resolution by title only.
Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Obert seconded the motion.
The tax sale resolution was approved.

- b. Resolution 2022-05-001-022 – Elected Officials Salary
The clerk read the resolution by title only.
Mr. Peter made a motion to approve.
Mr. Obert seconded the motion.
Mr. Peter and Mr. Obert withdrew their motion so they could re-visit this at the end of the meeting.

Finance

- a. Additional Fund Appropriation from Lori Geschwander – Circuit Clerk – in the amount of \$10,500 from Expense Line 421-421-5195 – Transfer to County General for Salaries – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$10,500.
Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the additional fund appropriation.
Mr. Cooley seconded the motion.
Mr. Austin stated this is related to the finalization of the union negotiations and is coming out of her special use fund. He stated this will be every year to help covering salaries.
A roll call vote was taken to approve the additional fund appropriation. Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.
Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.
The additional fund appropriation was approved.

b. Transfer of Fund Appropriation from Richard Wagner – Sheriff – in the amount of \$110,000 from Account Line 005-001-5713 – ARPA Expense – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$7,108,217.69 and \$110,000 to Account Line 001-301-5150 – Sheriff: Salary-Overtime & Warrants – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$150,000. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the additional fund appropriation.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

Mr. Austin stated this is a transfer unlike the other ARPAs because we are moving money within the departments instead of writing checks. He stated we approved this ARPA spending in the resolution earlier. Mr. Zanger asked about the spelling on the resolution. Mr. Austin stated the resolution was fine.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the transfer of fund appropriation. Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Dueterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 17.

The transfer of fund appropriation was approved.

c. Transfer of Funds Appropriation from Richard Wagner – Sheriff – in the Amount of \$9,000 from Account Line 001-001-5999 – Contingency – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$133,500 and \$9,000 to Account Line 001-301-5637 – Jail Operating Supplies – for a Revised Budget Amount of \$29,000.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the additional fund appropriation.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

Mr. Austin stated this was related to the filing cabinet resolution approved earlier.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the transfer of fund appropriation. Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Dueterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.

The transfer of fund appropriation was approved.

Budget/Levy

Mr. Austin stated they did discuss the budget and levy moving forward. He stated we are tracking 5% under on revenue. He stated we receive the bulk of the money in July, August and September. He stated sales tax has been really good. He stated that they are doing well with the bond funds. He stated if we have a standard assessment, we should be good with a flat levy next year which is good news.

Insurance

Mr. Hoskins stated he went to the CIRMA meeting and brought our HR Director. CIRMA is in a strong financial position. He stated they are about to close out the 2012 and 2013 claim years. He reported he went to a meeting with Cottingham and Butler who is our health insurance broker. He stated our first quarter health insurance is

running slightly over budget by 1.6% which is a little better than last year at this time. He reported that they have investigated health insurance trusts which is something QPS and the City have transferred to. He stated it allows groups to coop together to bypass the broker system and contract directly with the carrier. He had a meeting with the city who reported they have had significant savings on their annual cost. Mr. Hoskins stated after meeting with QPS and the City, the comfort level of exploring this is growing and they are planning to pursue a more detailed quote. He also mentioned the city also went from being self-insured like us to being fully insured with a less deductible and risk. Mr. Hoskins stated they would continue to work on this but reported this had no change to the city employees, meaning no interruption in benefits or no major changes in the way their benefits were structured.

The committee's next meeting will be June 13th, 2022.

Executive Committee

Committee Report (Mr. Austin)

The committee met on May 2nd, 2022.

Resolution-

- a. Resolution 2022-05-231-023 – Adams County Sheriff Filing Cabinets
The clerk read the resolution by title only.
Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Reich seconded the motion.
Mr. Austin stated this is \$20,000 to go towards a filing system upgrade and the committee unanimously voted to approve it.
A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.
Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.
Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.
The resolution was approved.

- b. Resolution 2022-05-231-024 – Adams County Sheriff Ballistic Vests
The clerk read the resolution by title only.
Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Hoskins seconded the motion.
Mr. Austin explained what vests this was for. He stated these have a 3-4 year lifespan. This will be an \$88,000 request for ARPA funds. He also reported that this was unanimously approved by the committee. Mr. Demoss asked what they use the vests for when they are done. Mr. Austin stated that they use them for backup or training.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.
Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.
Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.
The resolution was approved.

c. Resolution 2022-05-231-025 – Adams County Sheriff Public Safety Worker Over Time COVID Response

The clerk read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. McCleary seconded the motion.

Mr. Austin stated that the department has tracked their overtime budget due to COVID. He stated they are trying to hire more correctional officers. He reported they are tracking about 50% over their budgeted amount for overtime and this is an approved ARPA fund cost.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.

The resolution was approved.

d. Resolution 2022-05-411-026 – Adams County Public Defender Case Management Software.

The clerk read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Peter seconded the motion.

Mr. Austin stated this is a request of \$55,000 to improve the software. He stated it is cloud-based backup which are approved ARPA expenses. He stated their office has a special-use fund that they have accrued money in to cover the yearly cost of the software. Mr. Demoss asked how many people work in the IT Department. Mr. Austin stated there are 8 employees. Mr. Kerkhoff asked how many there used to be. Mr. Hochgraber stated there used to be 3.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Ryan Hinkamper, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Total in favor was 17. Total opposed was 0. Total absent was 4.

The resolution was approved.

The committee's next meeting will be on June 6th, 2022.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Approval of Board Member Travel Vouchers

There were no board member vouchers to approve.

Monthly Reports

Supervisor of Assessments/Board of Review, the Probation Department, Juvenile Detention Center, the County Clerk & Recorder's office, Sheriff's Department, the Public Defender, the Circuit Clerk, and the Treasurer's office, Monthly check register for April 2022, and Funds Summary report for April 2022 including revenue and expenses.

Mr. Duesterhaus made a motion to receive and file the monthly reports with the appropriate committee.

Mr. Zanger seconded the motion.

Motion to receive and file the monthly reports with the appropriate committee adopted.

Resignation

- a. Brian VonderHaar- Emergency Telephone Systems Board
The chairman entertained a motion to accept the resignation.
Mr. Austin made a motion to accept the resignation.
Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion.
The resignation was accepted.

Appointments

- a. David McCleary- Emergency Telephone Systems Board
The chairman entertained a motion to approve the appointment.
Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the appointment.
Mr. Cooley seconded the motion.
The appointment was approved.

Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Great River Economic Development Foundation Letter of Support for RISE Local and Regional Planning Grant.
Mr. Austin stated that this is for economic planning and GREDF has offered

to lead this. He stated this is to have one point person and the city has also said they will support this as well.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve for the chairman to sign letters in agreement.

Mrs. Sparrow seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Correspondence

- 1) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Proposed Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit.
- 2) Thank You Card from the Oakley Family.
- 3) Thank You card from the Baker Family.

Mr. Duesterhaus moved to receive and file the correspondence with the appropriate committee.

Mr. Zanger seconded the motion.

Motion to receive and file the correspondence with the appropriate committee adopted.

Mr. Obert made a motion to go into executive session to talk about salaries.

Mr. Zanger seconded the motion.

The board went into executive session at 7:43 PM.

The board resumed regular session at 8:14 PM.

Mr. Peter made a motion to approve resolution 2022-05-001-022- Elected Officials Salary.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution. Those in favor were: Mark Peter, Matt Obert, Robert Reich, David McCleary, Theresa Bockhold, Joe Zanger, David Hoskins, Todd Duesterhaus, Bret Austin, Steven Demoss, Mark Sorensen, Barbara Fletcher, Marvin Kerkhoff, Raquel Sparrow, Travis Cooley and Kent Snider.

Opposed was: Ryan Hinkamper

Total in favor was 16. Total opposed was 1. Total absent was 4.

The resolution was approved.

Mr. Cooley made a motion that we send the mileage reimbursement for county board members to the Legislative Committee to be reviewed and eliminated.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

The May 10th, 2022 meeting was recessed until Tuesday, June 14th, 2022.



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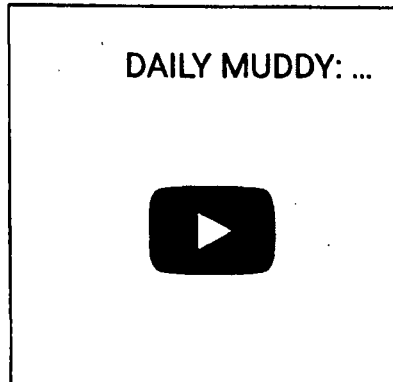
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AC State Attorney	\$183,434.19	\$148,747.34	\$38,686.84	\$183,018.83	\$152,418.68	\$37,803.07	\$17,112	\$203,130.83	\$65,312	36.6%
Public Defender	\$163,090.76	\$132,073.81	\$33,016.95	\$168,217.82	\$135,374.20	\$33,843.07	\$25,647	\$193,021.83	\$24,804	15.2%
AC Sheriff	\$61,893.00	\$0.00	\$61,893.00	\$148,747.34	\$98,320.72	\$48,426.00	\$23,263.36	\$172,010.66	\$23,587	13.7%
AC Treasurer	\$62,111.00	\$0.00	\$62,111.00					\$62,111.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Circuit Clerk	\$64,279.34	\$0.00	\$64,279.34					\$70,000.00	\$5,720.66	8.9%
AC County Clerk	\$68,081.44	\$0.00	\$68,081.44					\$72,000.00	\$3,918.56	5.7%
AC Coroner	\$53,312.70	\$0.00	\$53,312.70					\$59,000.00	\$5,687.30	10.7%
County Board Chairman	\$3,830.00	\$0.00	\$3,830.00					\$7,500.00	\$3,670.00	95.0%
County Board Committee Chair	\$3,798.00	\$0.00	\$3,798.00					\$4,900.00	\$1,102.00	29.0%
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Adams County officials will receive large salary increases in December.



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General Assembly voted to give county sheriffs raises, state will reimburse county for most of the salary

QUINCY — The Adams County Board went into executive session Tuesday night to discuss the salary increases they were about to vote themselves.

After they came out of the closed portion of the meeting, Board members voted 16-1 to give themselves 9.6 percent raises and committee chairs and the County Board Chairman 22 percent raises before adjourning.

Ryan Hinkamper (R-District 2) was the lone no vote. Board members Dave Bellis (R-District 3), Les Post (R-District 6) Taylor Rakers (R-District 4) and John Brady (R-District 6) were absent.

Board members salaries will increase by \$404 annually to \$4,200. The salaries of the four committee chairmen will increase \$1,104 to \$4,900 and the County Board Chairman's salary will increase \$1,650 to \$7,500 annually.

County Board members have not had raises since 2006.

The salaries will go into effect with the next fiscal year, which begins December 1 and is after the November 8 general

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year, as they are

The County Board also voted to give raises some of the countywide elected officials, but the salaries of the State's Attorney, Chief Public Defender and Sheriff are determined by the state.

A new state law passed this session says the salary for the sheriff of a non-home rule county shall not be less than 80% of the salary set for the state's attorney. In doing so, the state will furnish about 66% of the total salary to be paid to a sheriff.

So while the salary of the next sheriff will increase from \$81,693 to \$146,747, Adams County will actually pay fewer dollars toward the salary, \$48,426.

Republican Tony Grootens is the only announced candidate for sheriff as Rich Wagner announced in March he would not run for election to the post he was appointed to in September 2020 following the retirement of Brian Vonderhaar.



All of the salary increases are listed in the clickable link below.

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In other action, Board members to spend American Rescue Plan Act dollars on the following items:

- \$20,000 for filing cabinets and a filing system for the Sheriff's Office.
- \$88,000 for ballistic vests for the Sheriff's Office.
- \$110,000 for overtime for employees in the Sheriff's Office.
- \$55,000 for case management software for the Public Defender's Office.



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