

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Commissioner Steve Bailey was not present.

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and seconded by Stan Stoppenhagen for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for December 10, 2024. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$375,784.53. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$29,068.73. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants.

**Payroll Time Card Approval**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Time Card approval for appointed department heads. Motion Carried.

**Weights and Measures Report**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Monthly Weights and Measures Report, submitted by Inspector, Dan Hackman., into the record. Motion Carried.

**Utilities paid in Low**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the utilities paid in Low in the amount of \$35,715.30. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter reported on various activities within the county buildings.

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office. He provided updates on bridge work and culvert work throughout the county.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve taking Jutte Excavating at \$365,811.64, Brumbaugh at \$295,000.00, HIS Constructors at \$448,749.00, R. L. McCoy at \$336,100.00, Milestone Contractors at \$418,471.53, Pioneer associates at \$331,298.94. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the County Engineer to present a notification of award to Brumbaugh after Rumschlag looked over the bids and determined it was the lowest responsive bid for the Bridge 155 rehabilitation project. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the low quote of \$28,200.00 to TLC to power wash 20 bridges prior to being sealed by County Highway Department. Motion Carried.

Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder reported on various activities.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve accepting all annual bids for oil and stone and other items for the Adams County Highway Department. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Building and Planning Monthly Report, submitted by Superintendent, Mark Wynn, into the record. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve TC Haines Farms / Jefferson Sec 4 / 2 Lots / Located on CR500E, South of SR218. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve allowing the Treasurer's office to hold a Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried. The Auditor offered to sit in the office while they are away.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the posting of a part-time emergency preparedness employee in the health department. This is paid with a grant. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Bailey and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve opioid settlement revenues that had been awarded to IRACS program to Project Connect, which is also a jail re-entry program with \$125,000.00 awarded with Commissioner approval. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the use of the gym in the Service Complex on the evening of Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, for a Belmont wrestling event. Motion Carried.

Council on Aging Director, Michelle Lengerich, presented an annual update on Adams County Transit. From January through November there were 7,951 trips while in that time period from January to November in 2023, there were 5,348 trips. The fares collected in the time period this year was \$42,715.50, while the previous year it was \$16,072.80. The number of riders increased from 194 riders to 293 riders.

EMA Director, Barb Lehrman, and Megan Wilson, were present to provide Commissioners a list of accomplishments for 2024 and the future plans for 2025.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept into the record the fact that LEPC is recommending Barb Lehrman to be re-appointed as EMA Director. Motion Carried.

Chairman Stan Stoppenhagen and others thanked Commissioner Steve Kuhn for his service as a Commissioner as this is his final meeting.

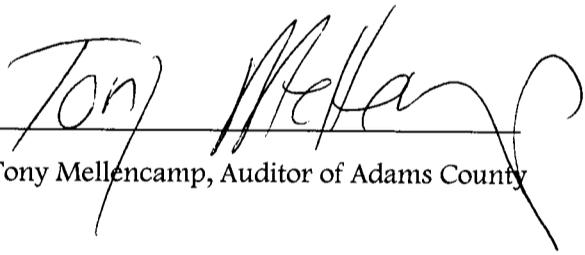
**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

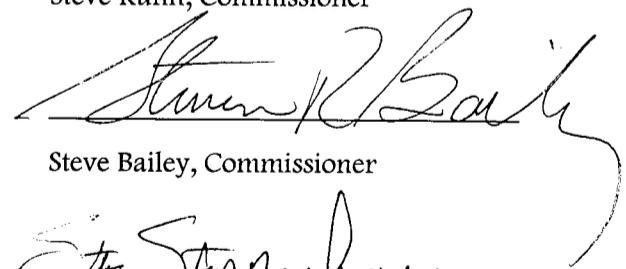
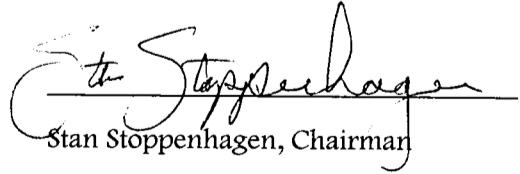
There will be a public meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 p.m. at the South Adams Senior Center to discuss potential price increases for equine drawn vehicles.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve an enhanced contract for \$206,457.75.00 for the Clerk's ARPA scanning project, to SC Strategic Solutions. Motion Carried. These contracts have been entered into Gateway in order to obligate those funds by the end of the year.

**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to adjourn. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

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Steve Kuhn, Commissioner  
  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner  
  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman