

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Bailey, Stan Stoppenhagen, Doug Bauman, Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Commissioner

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Doug Bauman for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for January 14, 2025. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen to recess the Commissioner meeting and open a public hearing to discuss Ordinance 2024-22, equine-drawn vehicle plate fees. Motion Carried.

The plate fee for those vehicles would go to \$175.00 with an incremental increase over the next several years. Sam Hilty spoke with a concern regarding that fee being less for a small pony and smaller buggy. The language would be changed to either exempt or lessen the plate fee for a small pony pulling a smaller cart which would not damage the roads as much.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to close public hearing and re-enter the public meeting. Motion carried. The language will be changed to exempt pony-driven pony carts with rubber tires.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Weights and Measures**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to enter the Monthly Weights and Measures Report, submitted by Dan Hackman, into the record. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$303,814.34. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported on various activities, including plowing and laying down ice the previous week.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve advertising for bids on Bridge 180, CR825S and CR650W double pipe bridge replacement. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to request quotes for Bridge 73, Salem Rd. over Yellow Creek, north of CR200N. Motion Carried.

Highway Department Assistant superintendent, Paul Zerby, reported on various activities, including the highway crews trying to keep up with 4 inches of snow and high winds the previous week.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to request quotes for two pieces of machinery, a bush hog mower and a trailer for a skid loader. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, reported that courtesy letters were sent out to taxpayers as a reminder to get your taxes paid. He noted that by state statute the payment has to be posted by the due date of November 12, or it is late. He noted that as he was looking at various state association board hat he saw local Auditor, Tony Mellencamp, has been assigned as a state officer to the Indiana Auditor's Association. Mellencamp is the District Education Coordinator for the state Districts. He was also appointed to the 2025 legislative committee, and chairman of the Continuing Education Committee.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to sign and send a letter of support for Comcast BEAD Application in Adams County. Motion Carried. This letter is available upon request in the Auditor's office.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Chairman Steve Bailey to sign contract for FEMA regarding the home to be razed in Yost Woods. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the one-year appointment of Trey Likes as Veterans Service Officer. Motion Carried.

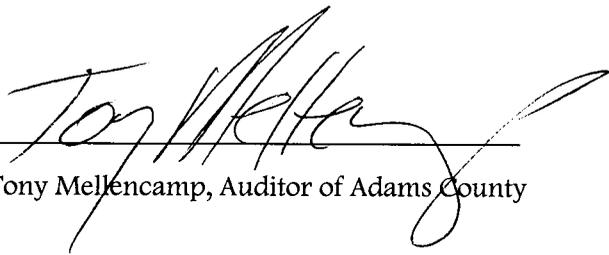
Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the one-year appointment of Shannon Greene as ADA Compliance Officer. Motion Carried.

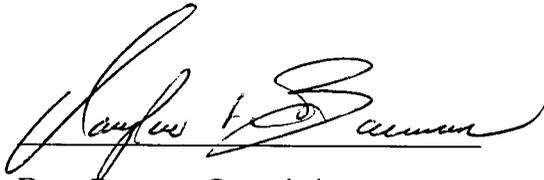
Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a quote from Elevatus for continued work on the Judicial Center for approximately \$3,100.00. Motion Carried. When the quote is received as well as an invoice it will enter the claims cycle.

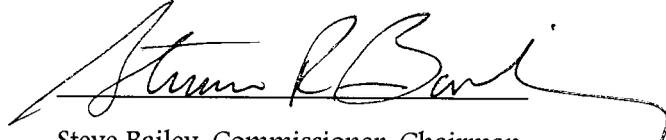
**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

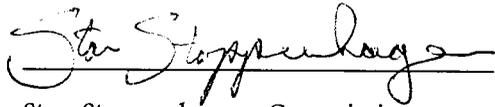
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to adjourn. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

  
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Doug Bauman, Commissioner

  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner