

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 28, 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, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

**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 21, 2025. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Allied Weekly Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$6,343.76. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$402,664.08. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Time Card Approval**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Time Cards for appointed Department Heads. Motion Carried.

**Utilities Paid in Low**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Utilities Paid in Low in the amount of \$38,327.15. Motion Carried.

**Animal Control Report**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the animal control report submitted by Chad and Jenny Sprunger. Motion Carried.

**Animal Shelter Report**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Animal Shelter Report submitted by Mike and Cindy Heiser. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported on various activities.

Burkhalter received permission to place a fence around the generator placed at the courthouse and to obtain quotes to add more wiring to the generator to facilitate services to more offices. There was a discussion as to what to do with the older generator still located at the Service Complex.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office, including inspection reports which are now more simple after Ethan Snyder, Adams County IT, created an app for this. Rumschlag noted that INDOT has accepted the county selection process and he has notified USI Consulting to begin contract development.

Highway Department Superintendent, Brad Yoder, and Assistant superintendent, Paul Zerby, reported on various activities

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Chairman to sign the contract with AirMarking to do striping on county roads. This was approved last November but they needed the contract signed to continue. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a right of way to Jay County REMC to replace poles on CR300W, between CR100s and CR200S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve a right of way to I&M to upgrade poles on CR100S, between CR500E and CR600E. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the MVH and LR&S revenues from the state in the amounts of \$288,411.13 and \$46,311.51 respectively. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Monthly Building and Planning report submitted by Director, Mark Wynn. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Hilty Acres / Jefferson Sec 32 / 2 Lots / Located on the southeast corner of CR1175S and CR400E. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Planning Assistance Agreement between The Adams County Building and Planning Director and the Town of Monroe, IN. The Town of Monroe will pay \$400.00 annually, subject to reevaluating it for 2026. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Planning Assistance Agreement between the Adams County Building and Planning Director, Mark Wynn, and the Town of Geneva. This is \$1,200.00 annually, subject to reevaluating it for 2026. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Treasurer, Ed Dyer, reported that being a member of the Treasurer’s Legislative Committee, there are several bills to be concerned about but they will go through various changes.

**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 approve a radio maintenance agreement for radios at the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$17,784.00 with ERS Wireless. Motion Carried

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve tabling, for further review, Ordinance 2025-3, an Ordinance designating purchasing agents for Adams County and establishing a purchasing and procurement policy and designation of authorized agents, amending Ordinance 2024-6 and amended the introduction of Ordinance 2024-11. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve amended Ordinance 2024-22, designating Ordinance 2025-3, which provides for the continued licensing of equine-drawn vehicles and the collection of license fees. Motion Carried. This follows meetings and public hearings held by the County Commissioners in December of 2024 and January 21, 2025.

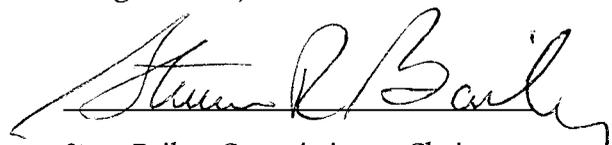
Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Ordinance 2025-2, establishing a donations fund for the Adams County Emergency Management Agency. Motion Carried. This will go to the County Council for adoption as well.

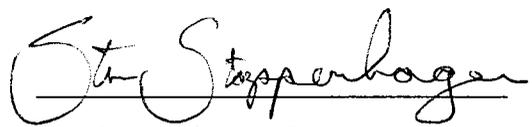
**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

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Doug Bauman, Commissioner

  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner