

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Bailey, Stan Stoppenhagen, Attorney, Mark Burry, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp. Commissioner Doug Bauman was absent.

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and seconded by Steve Bailey for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for February 4, 2025. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Allied Weekly Health Insurance**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$18,907.16. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$388,785.99. Motion Carried.

**Payroll Time Card Approval**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the Payroll Time Cards for appointed department heads. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Clerk's Report**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Clerk's Report, submitted by Clerk, Shelly Brite, into the record. Motion Carried.

**USI Quarterly Claim**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the quarterly USI group benefit fee in the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, reported on various activities. Repairs had been made to several buildings in the county.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on activities with his office, including maintaining stone roads and bridges during winter weather extremes.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the HSIP Bridge Guardrail Safety Grant not to exceed \$412,644.00. Motion Carried. This would cover around 50 bridges in Adams County.

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 a right of way to Brightspeed to lay cable at CR1000S, between CR450E and CR400E., Jefferson Township. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve taking bids for a mower under advisement. Bids were submitted as follows: Reidenbach Equipment at \$30,000.00 Bush Hog, Rupley at \$29,420.38 for a Bush Hog, Hull Bros. at \$30,000.00 for a Bush Hog, Reynolds Equipment with two different mowers, John Deere Bush Hogs at \$30,400.00 and \$33,800.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve taking under advisement bids for a skid loader trailer. Bids received included: Indiana Trailer sales at \$18,108.00 and RPM Machinery at \$19,893.00. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report

**IN RE:** TREASURER

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve entering the Monthly Treasurer's Report into the record, submitted by Treasurer, Ed Dyer. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Michelle Lengerich Council on Aging Director, provided an update on Adams County Transit. She noted she was very happy with the increases in the numbers using the service. She reported there has been a 55% increase in usage from January 2024 to January 2025.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the insurance renewal to Bliss-McKnight, who provided the lower three-year term amount. The total annual premium with Bliss-McKnight is \$350,724.00, plus a one-year fee of \$104,782.00, which will drop off the next two years. The proposal from Liberty Mutual, the current county property and casualty carrier, was \$440,951.00. Motion Carried.

IT Director, Mike Brown, came before the board to discuss replacement of copiers and printers in the county offices.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve the replacement of copier-printers \$5,043.72 per month for about 40 printers. This includes a lease portion and an estimate over an estimate of the last eight years of consumption. Motion Carried. This will have to go next to County Council.

Brown also noted that the cost of upgrading the way the phone system works will have to be budgeted for over the next couple of years.

Aaron Mitchell, Watch Communications, wanted to speak to Commissioners about them writing a BEAD letter of recommendation to the state in order to help them secure some funding to do upgrades.

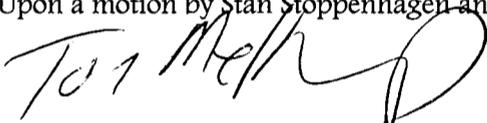
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to approve signing a BEAD letter to send to the state in support of Watch Communications. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

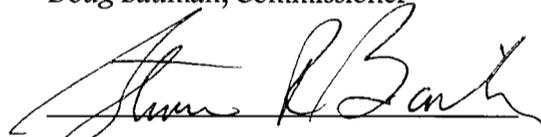
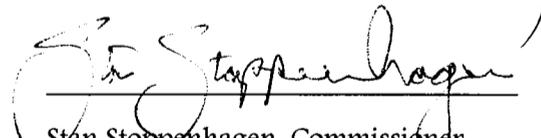
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Steve Bailey to adjourn. Motion Carried.



ATTEST: 2-18-2025

Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

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Doug Bauman, Commissioner

  
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Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman  
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Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner