

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met June 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Bailey, Doug Bauman, Stan Stoppenhagen, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Auditor, Tony Mellencamp.

IN RE: MINUTES

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and seconded by Steve Bailey for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for June 10, 2025. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Covered Bridge Certification

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Covered Bridge Certification for Adams County. Motion Carried.

Monthly Treasurer's Report

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

Allied Insurance Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Weekly Health Insurance Claims in the amount of \$73,784.48. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

Payroll Time Card Approval

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

Monthly Clerk Report

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Monthly Clerk Report, submitted by Clerk, Shelly Brite, into the record. 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.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$392,734.91. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, was present to provide the Commissioners with an update on various projects his department has been involved with. He noted the Extension Office would like to utilize room 100 in the Complex on Tuesday, June 24, at 6 p.m. as well as July 1, at 6 p.m.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag, reported on various activities as County Engineer.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve signatures on the proposed agreement for the deck overlay rehabilitation on Bridge 105. Motion Carried.

He noted the work has begun at culvert C-134 at CR650s west of CR 200E and should be open to traffic in about a week.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, provided reports to the Commissioners. This included what a cost to paint stripes on county roadways would be. Surrounding counties hire it out due to the cost involved in doing it themselves. It would include a purchase for a new truck, paint, more money for insurance to cover liability and would require the workers doing the painting to have special training in hazmat.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a right of way to Jay County REMC to place a pole where a new home is going up at CR550W, between CR400S and CR500S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve a right of way to Nipsco to remediate a gas line at CR550W between Piqua Rd. and CR300E. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Replat of Lot 9 in KESL Farms Subdivision of Holle Ridge Estates / Root Sec 18 / 1 Lot / Located on NW Winchester Rd, east of CR300W. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Aden Schwartz Subdivision / Monroe Sec 6 / 2 Lots / Located on CR100S, east of CR 300W. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Weights and Measures Inspector, Dan Hackman, was present to present his annual report to the Adams County Board of Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Monthly and Annual Weights and Measures Reports, submitted by Inspector, Dan Hackman, into the record. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bailey spoke in regards to Monroe taking over the county park in their town after attending a park board meeting recently. The attorneys are currently looking this idea over.

Sheriff Dan Mawhorr asked for Commissioners to continue working with the attorney to create a form when people seek permission to use county property so that there is a more formal process.

Mawhorr also wanted to know if Paradise Rd. is a public or private road and whether he can enforce a nuisance law or not there. The Attorney is looking into this further.

There was more discussion regarding fiber optic being run down Winchester and whether it is private or public jurisdiction. The fiber optic company was told to stop for now until more research can be done. As of now the company would need to respond to landowners personally to run the cable.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Steve Bailey to sign off on a letter of intent for a \$75,000.00 matching grant through DMHA, brought by Community Corrections Director, Ian Gilbert. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Tony Mellencamp
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Doug Bauman
Doug Bauman, Commissioner

Steve Bailey
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

Stan Stoppenhagen
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner