

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met July 1, 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 Stan Stoppenhagen for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for June 24, 2025. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$394,985.67. Motion Carried.

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.

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 \$6,020.00. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

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 \$36,951.20. Motion Carried.

Animal Control Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve entering the Monthly Animal Control report, submitted by Chad Sprunger, into the record. Motion Carried.

Animal Shelter Report

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

Allied Monthly Claim

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Allied Monthly Claims in the amount of \$71,097.85. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Buildings and Grounds Manager, provided reports to the Commissioners of recent work, including unplugging several toilets in the Complex, as well as an air unit being plugged up in the Complex. Commissioners ask that anyone using the restrooms to be aware of making sure we aren't putting too much toilet tissue, no paper towels, etc. in toilets.

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 accept a corrected quote from C-Tech to split the difference between what they quoted incorrectly and the price they should have quoted. Motion Carried. They originally quoted \$500.00 rather than \$2,500.00 so the difference is \$1,250.00. This is for work on Bridge 122.

He noted that Isch Excavating is working on small structure 29 currently and the road at CR100N, between CR300W and CR400W, would reopen in a day or so.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, provided reports to the Commissioners. He noted that his department began chip and seal recently. He urged people to watch for workers because there is a lot of road construction in the county.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and Second by Stan Stoppenhagen for the Highway Department to begin the process for work to convert a stone road to chip and seal at CR600E, between CR900S and CR1000S, after the landowners in that area all agreed to improve the road. It may be a year or more to do what is necessary to be ready to do the actual work. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Megan Fawbush, Building and Planning, presented some Items for approval.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Mosser PRF Subdivision / Jefferson Sec 31 / 2 Lots / Located on CR1100S, west of CR400E. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Gentle Acres / French Sec 16 / 2 Lots Located on CR700W, south of CR200S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Brian K. Mitchem Subdivision / Union Sec 34 / 3 Lots / Located on the southeast corner of US224 and CR600E. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

Shannon Greene asked the Commissioners if they had any thoughts on the compensation for the employee evaluations. There was some discussion but they will allow this to go to the fiscal body of the county for determination.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Holly Degitz, Public Health Nurse, was present to be honored as the recipient of the Indiana Public Health Nurse of the Year. The Commissioners thanked her for her hard work.

Trey Likes, Veteran Service Officer, provided a report to the Commissioners after his annual conference was recently held. He took several items from the conference which will help him work with veterans in Adams County. There was also some discussion regarding people purchasing bricks for the wall and it was noted it is being investigated.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the VSO to use revenues in the Peace Monument Fund to spray wash and repair anything necessary there. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen reported to the Commissioners a discussion he had with an IDEM representative. He passed information on to the Bulmahn's who had concerns about foul odors in a lagoon by their home.

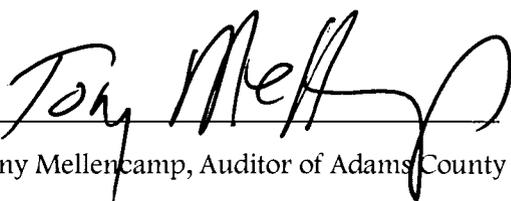
Chairman Bailey noted that the vision plan for the county is now in the public phase. There is a QR code one can select and note their thoughts and preferences for the county vision plan. Commissioner Bauman asked if this vision plan would be separate or part of the current comprehensive land use plan for the county. Bailey noted they will be separate documents and the plan commission would still use the comprehensive

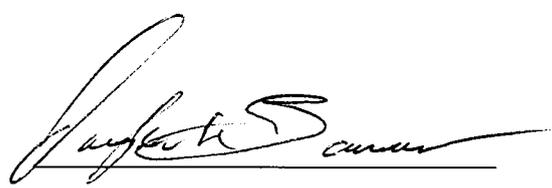
IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

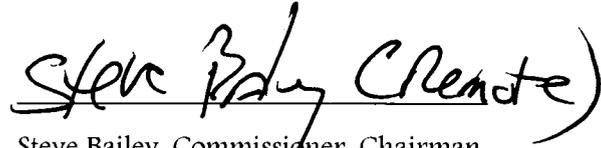
Attorney Lengerich noted that statute has changed and Community Corrections officers are no longer considered special deputies under the Sheriff. That means for those CC officers will have to be approved to carry firearms in county buildings by a resolution, which the attorney will prepare.

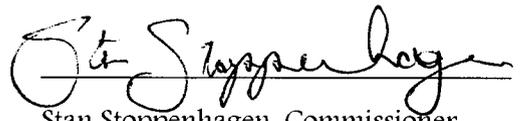
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County


Doug Bauman, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman


Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner