

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met August 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Steve Bailey, Doug Bauman, Stan Stoppenhagen, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, Attorney, Mark Burry, 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 August 5, 2025. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

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.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$397,314.77. Motion Carried.

Allied Weekly Health 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 \$57,095.22. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

USI Claim

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the quarterly claim to USI in the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion Carried.

Animal Shelter

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

Eastern Alliance

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Eastern Alliance claim for worker's comp in the amount of \$6,133.09. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, updated Commissioners on various work being done regarding county buildings.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag presented various projects to the Commissioners. He noted that Adams County was the recipient of a \$1,860,720.00 grant to repair bridge 93. He apologized to the public as communication was out at the Highway Department and calls could not be answered. He also noted several projects that were being started and some that were being completed.

Highway Assistant Superintendent, Paul Zerby, provided reports to the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve two right of ways to NIFSCO, one on Fiqua Rd. between Honeysuckle Ln and Monmouth Rd; the other CR200W between Main St. and Indiana St. Motion Carried.

Zerby and Rumschlag reported that they will reject the asphalt binder on CR700S is going to be rejected as it was found to be lacking the specifications required. This is because of less asphalt than ordered was put down and there was no slope where there should have been. This means the project will not be done when expected. It is not known how much footage on the road is affected.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Replat of Lot 1 in Becker Subdivision / Root Sec 30 / 2 Lots / Located on the northwest corner of CR750N and CR200W. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Clerk, Shelly Brite, came before Commissioners to seek an amendment to Ordinance 2023-15. Election workers, it was noted, receive a pay but also a \$15 stipend for meals for each. The amendment would include the meal payment to the work pay for one overall pay.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Ordinance 2025-11 establishing revised pay schedule for poll works during elections. Motion Carried.

Brite also sought the addition of a part-time bookkeeper in the Clerk's office. It would be around 20 hours a week if approved. It was thought it might be better if the Commissioners wait until a wage review can be held next month and then decided on by both Council and Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Sheriff's Department hiring a replacement for an employee in the administrative department so that a two-week overlap for training is possible. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

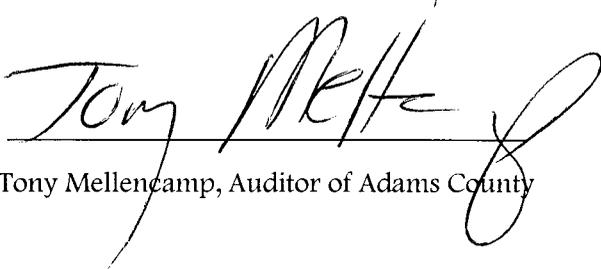
There was discussion regarding a livestock ordinance passed by the Plan Commission. What will be Ordinance 2025-12 once decided next week regards livestock setback. This was a discussion regarding livestock setbacks.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the annual contract exhibit for the K9 officer reimbursement for training of the K9 units. Motion Carried. It will be sent to the Sheriff for his signature. This is for Adams Central Schools.

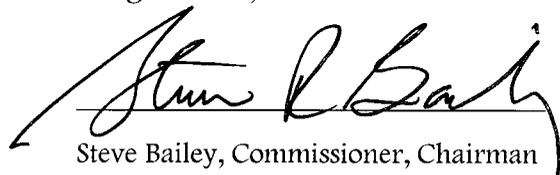
Attorney Lengerich asked to have discussion next week on an ordinance allowing Community Corrections officers to carry firearms with recent changes in state code. It regards extensive training with the County Sheriff's Department for special deputies.

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