

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met September 23, 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, 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 September 16, 2025. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Payroll Claims for 9-12-2025 in the amount of \$385,873.13. Motion Carried.

**Animal Control Report**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Animal Control Report, submitted by Chad Sprunger, into the record. 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 \$82,663.61. 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.

**Weights and Measures**

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

**Utilities Paid in Low**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Utilities paid in Low in the amount of \$33,625.89. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, provided reports to the Commissioners, including some bathroom issues at the courthouse, installation of a gas meter by NIPSCO at the annex. He also noted the grand opening of the new Decatur roundabout is Thursday of this week. The Commissioners approved Burkhalter to come in on a holiday to do work on air handlers with nobody on the premises.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag presented various projects and reports to the Commissioners. He noted his COOP meeting with EMA will be held soon. COOP is Continuity of Operations Plan. He will seek request of proposals for Bridge 93 and guardrail HSIP work.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, provided reports to the Commissioners

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Lynn L. Myers Subdivision / Blue Creek Sec 16 / 2 Lots / Located at the southeast corner of CR200S and CR500E. Motion Carried.

**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 the \$208,750.00 to Vision, as the only responsive bidder, reassessment contract via the bid opening process. Motion Carried. Assessor, Mary Beery, was present for this proceeding. Vision was formerly Appraisal Research. She noted the pictometry agreement ends next year and a leaves off photo will need done in the near future.

Nathan Scherer, ACRSD Director, was on hand to update Commissioners on recent projects throughout the county. He noted the District received a grant for the current project they are working on, including Monmouth.

SWCD Conservationist, Chaunsay Cook, provided update on the recent events with the Soil and Water Conservation District. She included SWCD closed out the Clean Water Indiana Grant. They have provided on-farm demonstrations, at the farms of Gene Witte, Mike Werling, and the FFA Fields at Adams Central. SWCD also did a lot of education and outreach, including a trip to Put-in-Bay. She mentioned various grant projects being worked on for the SWCD. The upgrades of the watershed management plan was discussed. Cook will be applying for funding on this issue. If funding is approved, the local SWCD will be assisting with water quality monitoring, education, outreach, and transect work.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman, The Commissioners noted that the Tuesday, Sept. 30, Commissioner meeting, is cancelled. There would not be a required quorum. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve placing a state local match pay-in go into the cum bridge fund in the amount of \$11,666.47. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stan Stoppenhagen reported after meeting with the Judicial Center Committee there was a consensus that the new Superior Court, Probation, Community Corrections, etc. now be looked at as being renovated into the Service Complex. This is being researched now. The feeling is that the cost will be far less than constructing at the other prior locations.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to focus solely on the Adams County Service Complex as the location for the new judicial center. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Resolution 2025-3, approving a bonus for Mark Wynn, Building and Planning Director, for work above and beyond for the new public transportation garage building. This will be paid from the Commissioners overtime line. Motion Carried.

**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  
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