

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 18, 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, 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 November 12, 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 \$386,889.38 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 \$77,999.36. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Payroll Time Cards**

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

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**Weights and Measures**

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

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhalter, provided updates on county buildings.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag reported on various activities.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve taking three bids, one from E&B, one from Milestone, and one from Jutte Excavating, for bridge 105 rehabilitation under advisement. Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented several matters.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve a right of way request for I&M on CR150W, beginning at CR700S and CR800S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a right of way to Jay County REMC on CR500W at CR500W to CR550W to move a power line. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve a right of way to NIPSCO at CR700W, CR150W to US 27 to install gas lines. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the monthly draw from MVH and LRS in the amounts of \$321,275.64 and \$52,528.98 respectively. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

**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 a fund transfer to 1000.35205, mental health, from 1000.36300.000.0068, St. Mary's Wabash River Cleanup. Motion Carried.

Michelle Lengerich, Council on Aging Director, provided an Adams County Public Transit report to the Commissioners. She noted there were increases in number of trips, fares collected, and number of riders.

IT Director, Mike Brown, discussed the future of the IT Department as he nears retirement. There is a committee formed to discuss this as time moves forward. Part of the discussion focused on changing the relationship with outside of county government entities. Representatives of the Town of Geneva were present to listen to the discussion.

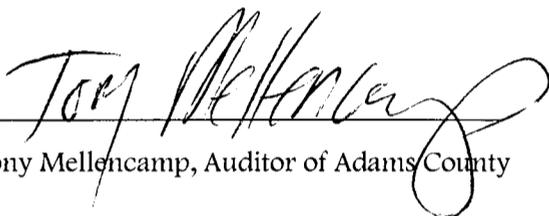
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to begin to migrate IT support outside of County Government out of the control of the county IT Department and off its network with exception of law enforcement at this time and that the county would continue with the current infrastructure. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

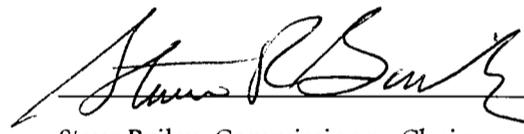
Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2025-20, regarding vacated alleys in Pleasant Mills This was originally done in 1982 and this ordinance brings it up to date. There will be a public hearing on the ordinance at a future meeting. Motion Carried.

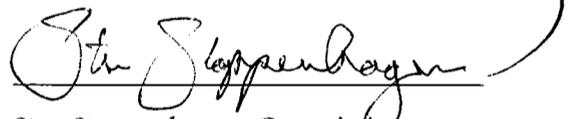
**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:   
Tony Melencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Doug Bauman, Commissioner

  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner