

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met November 25, 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 November 18, 2025. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Allied Monthly Claim**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Allied Monthly Claim in the amount of \$70,943.70. 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 \$45,897.69. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$832,218.13. Motion Carried.

**Payroll AP Claims**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Payroll AP Claims in the amount of \$347,817.95. 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.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There was no report.

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag reported on various activities. This included small structure pipe quotes for 2026 work as well as several bridge projects in 2026.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Engineer Rumschlag issue a notice of intent to award Milestone Contractors LP for the rehabilitation of Bridge 105 in 2026. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept lowest responsive bids on quotes for small structures. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to accept Pioneer as lowest responsive bid for bridge joint repairs and to proceed with work authorization. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented several matters.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve two right of ways to I&M, one at CR150W between CR700S and CR800S and the other on CR700N, between CR300E and CR400E to place two poles and do upgrades. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Monthly Building and Planning Report, submitted by Director, Mark Wynn, into the record. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Ehlerding Subdivision / 1 Lot / Preble Sec 36 / Located on WUS224, west of CR300W. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve replat Sam F. Schwartz Subdivision / 1 Lot / Wabash Sec 1 / Located on CR650S, east of Salem Rd. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen replat Lot 1 Leroy Shetler Subdivision / 1 Lot / Blue Creek Sec 20 / Located on CR300S, east of Salem Rd. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to appoint Gene Witte as a replacement on the Adams County Plan Commission. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the EMA Board recommendation of replacing Director, Barb Lehrman, with Megan Wilson, current Assistant Director, following Lehrman's retirement. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to sign the agreement allowing an increase into the 457B, State of Indiana Deferred Compensation Plan, Resolution 2025-11, to \$25 county match. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a fund transfer within series in the Commissioners budget to decrease legal fees by \$9,000.00 and increase unincorp commercial Infrastructure by \$9,000.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve as funds transfer request within series in the Commissioners budget to decrease legal fees by \$5,000.00 and increase the bond interest, by \$5,000.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to reappoint Randy Lehman and alternate, Laura Schwartz, to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. This is Resolution 2025-10 and will be a two-year appointment. Motion Carried.

There was discussion with Fair Board member, Jason Nussbaum, and Adams County Extension Educator, Brad Kolhagen, regarding the Purdue Extension Office moving to the Monroe 4-H fair location, and out of the Adams County Service Complex. There was no timeline given. Nussbaum noted that the fair board met and recently approved this move. How to house it in offices there will now be looked at.

It was noted by Doug Bauman that Adams County Economic Development Director, Colton Bickel, was named as representative to the regional Economic Development Authority.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the passage of Ordinance 2025-20, regarding vacated certain alleys in Pleasant Mills. This updates the 1982 Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve allowing Attorney, Clayton Lengerich, to move forward with notifications of nuisance ordinance violations at Country Acres. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Tony Melencamp  
Tony Melencamp, Auditor of Adams County

Doug Bauman  
Doug Bauman, Commissioner

Steve Bailey  
Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman

Stan Stoppenhagen  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner