

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met December 2, 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 25, 2025. Motion Carried.

IN RE: AUDITOR REPORT

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 \$29,150.82. 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 \$7,742.57. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen approve the Payroll Claims in the amount of \$391,799.74. 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.

Offices Christmas lunch closings

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Auditor and Treasurer offices closing over lunch on Thursday, Dec. 18 Auditor, and Friday, Dec. 19, Treasurer, for a staff Christmas lunch.

Monthly Clerk Report

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve entering the Monthly Clerk Report, submitted by Clerk, Shelly Brite, into the record. Motion Carried.

Monthly Treasurer Report

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve entering the Monthly Treasurer's Report, submitted by Treasurer, Ed Dyer, into the record. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhart, noted he and his staff have kept busy removing snow and salting of steps, sidewalks, etc.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag reported on various activities. The Engineer reported that Adams County was awarded \$516,101.36 via Community Crossings grant matching funds for Bridge 142 rehabilitation. He provided several reports on other bridge work that will need done in the future. This included the possible vacating of a portion of roadway which is surrounded by Red Gold in Geneva.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to begin the process of vacating about 1,500 feet of roadway as it no longer has function for the public. It is within the existing Loblolly wetland area and in a flood plain. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve asking for quotes for the work on Bridge 142. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve and sign the contract awarded to Milestone Contractors for rehabilitation of Bridge 105. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the lowest responsive bidder on work on several small structures in 2026. Isch Excavating was the lowest bidder at \$155,950.00 for all structures. Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, presented several matters. He noted that his department and other departments in county government have been having issues with people calling into our phone system. Yoder also noted his employees have been working hard to keep the roads plowed with recent snowfalls. He noted that it takes from about 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. to cover one pass on the 650 miles of county roads.

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Samuel L. and David L. Schwartz Subdivision / Jefferson Sec 6 / 2 Lots / Located on CR300E, north of CR700S. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve NB Land Subdivision / Root Sec 12 / 3 Lots / Located on CR200E, north of CR1000N. Motion Carried.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

There was no report.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Recorder Tom Krueckeberg asked about sending out possible fraud letters to those most at risk of deed fraud and titles as well as placing it on the Adams County Sheriff's Department phone app. This will be looked at by the County Attorney.

Recorder Tom Krueckeberg wanted to seek a breach of contract with a vendor, Priorities Engineering, out of Indianapolis, servicing equipment in the Recorder's office. The County Attorney will send a letter to the vendor to attempt to get some of the maintenance fee back since there has been no attempt from the vendor to repair it.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

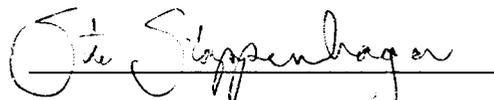
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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