

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 06, 2026 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 Stan Stoppenhagen for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for December 23, 2025. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**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 a credit of \$55,810.03 after stop loss reimbursement. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Payroll Claims in the amount of \$386,770.57. Motion Carried.

**Time Card Approval**

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

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$313,518.16. Motion Carried.

**Animal Shelter Report**

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

**Annual Payroll Publishing**

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve publishing, as required by statute, the annual payroll for County government for 2025 which was \$10,154,252.43. Motion Carried.

**Reorganization**

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman to name Steve Bailey as chairman and Stan Stoppenhagen as vice chairman of the Commissioners. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Manager, Rick Burkhardt, provided updates and reports. Burkhalter brought quotes for creating a fob entrance into the Commissioner's room. The Commissioners decided to table it

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

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag had no report  
Highway Assistant Superintendent, Paul Zerby had no report.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Joray Hills Flats Subdivision / French Sec 16 / 2 Lots / Located on the northwest corner of CR300S and CR650W. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

HR, Shannon Greene, reported the three dates for the Commissioner Department Head meetings during 2026, April 28, July 28, November 24, all on Tuesdays starting at 8:15 a.m.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve various Commissioner Appointments for varying length of terms: Nate Rumschlag as County Engineer, Brad Yoder as Highway Superintendent, Mark Burry as County Attorney, Paul Zerby as Assistant Highway Superintendent, Mark Wynn as Building Inspector and Plan Commission Director, Chaunsay Cook as SWCD Director, Mike Brown as IT Director, Trey Likes as VSO, Dan Hackman as Weights and Measures Inspector, Rick Burkhalter as Building and Grounds Manager, Shannon Greene as ADA Compliance Officer and Title IV Coordinator. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Steve Bailey to approve other Commissioner appointments including Randy Lehman as WHRC member, John Kintz as Alcohol Beverage Board, Bill Grimm as District 3 Advisory Board member, Stan Stoppenhagen as Council on Aging member, John Carroll as Regional Sewer Board member, Deon Shoaf as Regional Sewer Board member, Nate Rumschlag as Regional Sewer Board member, Gregg Liechty as Drainage Board Freeholder member, Scott E. Lehman as Hospital Board member. Motion Carried

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve Dr. Scott Smith as Community Corrections Board member, Rob Parker as Community Corrections Board member, Brad Weber as Community Corrections Board member, Jodi Mawhorr as Community Corrections Board member, Jack Odle as Community Corrections Board member. Motion Carried. Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Doug Hartman as Plan Commission member and BZA member, Brent Lehman as Berne Plan Commission member, Dr. Mark Gresla as Health Board member, Dr. Emil Meyer as Health Board member, Phil Eicher, Plan Commission, Gene Witte as Plan Commission member. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to appoint Michael Webb to the Adams Public Library Board. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the use of the gymnasium for Belmont Wrestling Retro Revival Dual Meet on Tuesday, January 13. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion with Park and Rec, Chris Krull, regarding fitness center offers due to the uncertainty of what and when the complex will be involved with adding offices to it. Krull noted they have offered 3-month plans.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Steve Bailey with Stan Stoppenhagen abstaining as he sits on one of the recipient boards, to approve \$125,000.00 to Project Connect from unrestricted revenues with half now and half when more funds are received, as well as opioid distributions recommended by the JRAC committee from the restricted funds, including \$22,500.00 to Adams Behavioral Health for jail therapy, Bowen Center receives \$19,875.00, Hope Clinic Margie's Place Mother's Home will get \$11,250.00, Brianna's Hope with \$5,400.00, McMillen Health with \$5,834.00, North Adams Schools DARE program gets \$10,739.00, Renovate Counseling receives \$11,250.00, Crossroads Community Welcome House receives \$40,000.00. Motion Carried. Ian Gilbert headed the discussion.

There was discussion regarding scanning proposals to scan electronically record books in Surveyor's office, Auditor's Office, and Commissioner and Council record books. Auditor Mellencamp will get information to Council regarding the proposals and set up a presentation in the February Council meeting.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the last quarter of 2025 Commissary Fund Report. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Mark Burry, brought forth all of the Commissioner Appointments which were approved under other matters properly presented.

**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

Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner