

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met January 27, 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, Mark Burry, 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 January 20, 2026. 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 credit in the amount of \$63,279.10 for Allied Medical Health Insurance Claims. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified claimants.

Payroll Time Cards

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

Animal Shelter

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

Payroll Claims

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Payroll Claims for January 16, 2026, in the amount of \$417,621.37. Motion Carried.

Northwind RX Claims

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the Northwind RX weekly (3 weeks) Claims in the amount of \$46,475.63. Motion Carried. The Auditor verified the claimants.

Utilities Paid in Low

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the Utilities Paid in Low in the amount of \$38,609.62. Motion Carried.

IN RE: BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There was no report.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY ENGINEER

County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag presented various reports.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the low bid by Freedom Motors in the amount of \$45,500.00 for a ½ ton crew cab truck for the County Engineer. Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent, Brad Yoder, was present to provide reports. He noted a county snow plow had gone into a ditch but the driver is OK and looked like slight damage to the truck.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept the low bid for 2026 HMA CR000, between SR218 and CR900s. Low bid was Brooks Construction at \$710,200.00. The other bids included E&B Paving at \$859,710.70, Wayne Asphalt at \$889,344.90, DC Construction at \$1,204,942.10. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the sole bid for a 2025 tandem axle body build hydraulic equipment at \$203,402.00 to WA Jones. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to accept the low and sole bid for a highway department ¾ ton 2026 regular bed truck, from Freedom at \$42,489.00. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve a right of way to I&M to replace poles at CR800N, between CR200E and CR300E. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a right of way to NIPSCO at CR6426N and CR600W to replace a gas service line. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve a detour at the county line on CR600w to CR500N off SR224. Motion Carried

IN RE: BUILDING AND PLANNING

There was no report.

IN RE: HR COORDINATOR

The Commissioners approved the payment of Cason for Employee Navigator software out of health insurance revenues.

The Commissioners approved a possibility of three ways for employees to handle the recent time off due to a code red. They will be given the option of using PTO, being short paid, or making up the time lost by next pay week.

IN RE: OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Megan Wilson, EMA Director, was present to provide details of the travel warning system regarding yellow, orange, and red travel status. Commissioner Bauman had asked her to come in and refresh people’s memories and also to give the press the information.

Dorothy Poling was present to discuss the possibility of the Service Complex gymnasium becoming a judicial center and was wanting to see if there were alternatives to house all the activities happening there now. The Commissioners noted nothing is signed at this point but that the efforts being made are leaning toward using the Service Complex.

IN RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY

Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve the interlocal agreement for animal control and shelter for 2026 with Berne in the amount of \$6,900.00. Motion Carried.

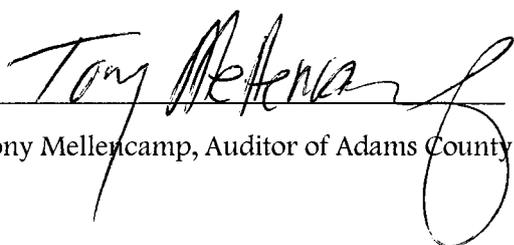
Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve the appointments to the Adams County Regional Sewer District as Kerry Steiner and Deon Shoaf. Motion Carried.

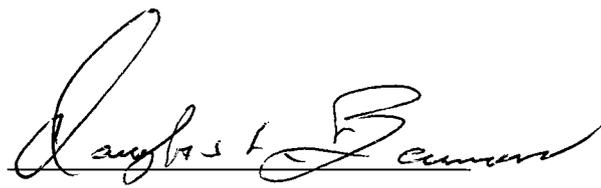
Upon a motion by Stan Stoppenhagen and second by Doug Bauman to approve Max Beer and Rex King, for 2026 to the PTBOA. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Doug Bauman and second by Stan Stoppenhagen to approve re-appointments of Nate Rumschlag and John Carroll for one year to the ACRSD for one year in order to true up the staggering of appointments so not all go off the board at once. Motion Carried.

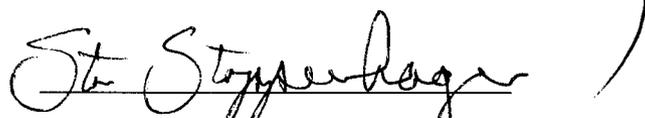
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: 
Tony Mellenecamp, Auditor of Adams County


Doug Bauman, Commissioner


Steve Bailey, Commissioner, Chairman


Stan Stoppenhagen, Commissioner