

Board Minutes January 2, 2026

The Adams County Board of Supervisors met on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Scott Akin, Leland Shipley, Chris Standley, and Tony Hardisty. Bobbi Maynes was absent. The meeting was called to order by Auditor Stormer at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Standley moved, seconded by Akin to approve the agenda and the minutes of the December 22nd and December 23rd meetings. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. There were no public comments.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Chris Standley as Chair of the Adams County Board of Supervisors. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Standley to appoint Bobbi Maynes as Vice-Chair of the Adams County Board of Supervisors. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Standley took over the meeting.

Resolution 2026-1

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Chris Standley as Chair of the Adams County Board of Supervisors. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Standley to appoint Bobbi Maynes as Vice-Chair of the Adams County Board of Supervisors. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Akin to make the *Adams County Free Press* the official newspaper for the year 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to make TS Bank the official depository for the year 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Akin to issue checks during the year 2026 per section 331.506 of the 2024 Code of Iowa. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to set the mileage rate at 60 cents per mile effective January 1, 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Jeanne Birt, Nicci Tucker, and Kathy West to serve one-year terms on the Human Services Board. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Dr. Stephen Gruba to serve three-year terms on the Board of Health. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Hardisty to appoint Donald Ashenfelter as Adams County Weed Commissioner effective March 1, 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to appoint Zach Girard to a one-year term as Adams County Emergency Management Director. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Akin to appoint Holly Steeve for a one-year term as Adams County Veterans Director. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Dr. Steven Freeman for a one-year term as Adams County Medical Examiner. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Appointment of Adams County Assistant Medical Director was tabled.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Lisa Brown to a one-year term as Adams County Medical Examiner Investigator. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Billi Henderson to a one-year term as Adams County Medical Examiner Investigator Assistant. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Akin to appoint Chris Standley to a 5-year term on the Adams County Conservation Board. Aye: Hardisty, Akin, Shipley. Standley abstained. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Hardisty to appoint Kristy Drake to a 5-year term on the Adams County Zoning Board of Adjustment. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to appoint Tony Mullen to 5-year term on the Adams County Zoning and Planning Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to approve the appoint as real estate dealers Ed Drake, Jamie McManis, Casey Roberts, Logan Carlson, Curis Kinker, Merlin Dixon; as agricultural owners Jim Amdor, Lowell Evans, Michael Fourez, Janice Shepherd, Kyle Shipley, Judy Loonan, Brain Kannas; as loan officers and bankers, Julia Paul, Carson Cline, Amber Schaffer, Kaleigh Kinser, Kelly Herring, Jim Heaton; as city property owners, Dick Blazek, Warren Miller, Jerry Getter, Pat Shipley, John Greenlee, Nicci Tucker, Cliff Baldwin, Dean Lammers, Devin Hunter to the Condemnation Board. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Akin to appoint Saundra Leininger, Nancy Carmichael, Jim Reynolds each to 2-year terms to the Adams County Certified Local Government Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Akin to resend previous motion of appointments to Adams County Certified Local Government Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Shipley moved, seconded by Akin to appoint Saundra Leininger, Nancy Carmichael, Gayle Anstey each to 2-year terms to the Adams County Certified Local Government Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Standley moved, seconded by Maynes to appoint Wayne Rychnovsky, Anita Mittag, Rob Tucker each to 5-year terms on the Adams County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Akin to approve the Adams County General Relief Assistance guidelines for 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adams County General Relief
Assistance Guidelines
(Originally Approved on 11-26-2013)
(Effective 1-3-2018)
(Reapproved 1-2-2020)
(Amended and Approved 1-11-2021)**

The General Relief Assistance Guidelines will be approved January of each year at the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Rent: As Needed.

Utilities: As Needed. Current only.

Food: Food Vouchers not to exceed 5 in one year.

Prescription: Not to exceed \$300 per month. Prescription must be provided.

Dental: Not to exceed \$200 for Extractions and \$350 for Dentures.

Glasses: Paid per invoice.

Medical Bills: Payment made only to local vendors for necessary medical care if no other resource is available.

Burials: \$1,250 towards cremation only.

****Maximum Limitations – For a needy household unit shall not exceed \$1,000 per twelve-month period unless specifically authorized by the Adams County Board of Supervisors by resolution.

****Recipients of General Assistance must be Adams County residents.

Household Size	Income Threshold
1	\$1,200
2	\$1,500
3	\$1,700
4	\$2,000
5	\$2,100
6	\$2,200
7	\$2,300
8	\$2,400
9	\$2,500
10	\$2,600

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve the Precinct Election Official Compensation Guidelines for 2026. All Supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommended Compensation</u>
Precinct Election Official – Chair or Co-Chair	\$200/ Day
Precinct Election Official	\$175/Day
Election Health Care Delivery Team	\$10/ Hour
Election Runner	\$10/ Hour
Election Absentee Board	\$10/ Hour
Election Audit Board	\$10/ Hour

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to set the holiday closing schedule for 2026. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

2026 HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

For County Offices of the Adams County Courthouse

Monday January 19, 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday

Monday	February 16, 2026	President's Day
Monday	May 25, 2026	Memorial Day
Friday	July 3, 2026	Independence Day Observed
Monday	September 7, 2026	Labor Day
Wednesday	November 11, 2026	Veterans' Day
Thursday	November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 27, 2026	Thanksgiving
Thursday	December 24, 2026	Christmas Eve
Friday	December 25, 2026	Christmas Day
Thursday	December 31, 2026	New Year's Eve
Friday	January 1, 2027	New Year's Day

Chair Standley made the following appointments to the various boards and committees that the members of the Board of Supervisors serve:

Scott Akin ----- 28E Case Management Board
5th Judicial District Board
Adams-Taylor County Landfill
ATURA (Alternate)
CHI Health Mercy Corning Community Board of Directors
Emergency Management
SICOG – Adams County Project Board (3-year term)
Southern Iowa Housing Trust Fund

Chris Stanley ----- Adams/Adair/Union Decaterization Board
DHS Service Area Advisory Board
Enterprise Zone Commission
Quad County for Kids
SICOG – Alternate
RC & D – Local
Adams County Conservation

Tony Hardisty ----- ATURA
Courthouse and Jail Committee
Hungry Canyon
REAP
SCI 911
WIA
Southern Iowa Trolley

Bobbi Maynes ----- Adams County Courthouse Security Committee
Adams-Taylor County Landfill (Alternate)
Connections Area Agency on Aging
Crossroads
Emergency Management (Alternate)
MATURA Advisory Board (Alternate)
MATURA Board of Directors (Alternate)

Leland Shipley ----- Adams Community Foundation
28E Case Management (Alternate)
LOSS Control Committee
Courthouse and Jail Committee
Heartland Management Alliance (Alternate)
Local MATURA Advisory Board
MATURA Board of Directors
Main Street Corning

All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Attested by the Auditor. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Akin to approve Resolution 2026-1 the Organizational Meeting for 2026 to make all the appointments official except appointment to the Assistant Medical Examiner which was tabled. There is one open position for Board of Health and one open position for Certified Local Government. These appointments were also tabled. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Attested by the Auditor. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office.

RESOLUTION #2026-2
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ADAMS COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Akin moved, Shipley seconded to approve Resolution 2026-2 Construction Evaluation – Master Matix. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried. Attested by the Auditor. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office.

Discussion was held on Ordinance Chapter 6, General Assistance regarding what qualifies as resident of Adams County. Tabled to discuss this with the county attorney.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-3

ADAMS COUNTY RESOLUTION ADOPTING DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

WHEREAS, Adams County has been a recipient of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in receiving such financial assistance Adams County is mandated to comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has directed Adams County to adopt certain documents and put certain procedures in place in order to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue receiving federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation the adoption of certain documents and establishment of certain procedures is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Adams County Operations Manager is hereby designated Title VI Coordinator for Adams County.
2. The Adams County Title VI Agreement is hereby adopted and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Title VI Coordinator are authorized to sign said plan where required.
3. The Standard Iowa DOT Title VI Assurances are hereby adopted and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign said document where required.
4. The Title VI Notice to the Public is hereby adopted and shall be posted where other public notices are displayed in the Adams County Courthouse and Adams County Engineer's Office. Furthermore, said notice shall be posted on the official Adams County website.
5. The Title VI Coordinator is authorized to take any other actions necessary and/or recommended by the Iowa Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, or other designated authority to comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Shipley moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve Resolution 2026-3 Title VI Compliance. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Resolution 2026-4

ADAMS TITLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Adams County, Iowa, that, effective January 1st, 2026, Nick Kauffman, P.E., the County Engineer of Adams County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said county to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with final plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Resolution 2026-4 Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Resolution 2026-5

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Adams County, Iowa, that, effective January 1st, 2026, Nick Kauffman, P.E., the County Engineer of Adams County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said county to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with final plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county.

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve Resolution 2026-5 Empowerment of Engineer. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Resolution 2026-6

AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL TO ISSUE PERMITS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.1 of the Code of Iowa to issue permits for the movements of machines, vehicles, or loads, or combinations thereof which exceed the maximum dimensions and/or weights specified in Section 321.452 to 321.466 but within limitations of Chapter 321E upon Secondary Roads under its jurisdiction, and,

WHEREAS, it is important that such permits be issued by persons familiar with the statutes and regulations relating to such permits and also with limitations of the county's roadways, road surfaces, and structures along the selected or designated routes,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors that the Adams County Engineer, Nick Kauffman, P.E., and the following named employees of the Secondary Roads Department (Carter Brehm, Dale Kinser, Gary Johnston and Karen Carl) be authorized to issue and sign special permits for movement of vehicles of excessive size and weight upon Adams County secondary roads in accordance of said Chapter 321E.

Shipley moved, seconded by Hardisty to approve Resolution 2026-6 Authorizing Personnel to Issue Permits. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Resolution 2026-7

A Resolution Authorizing Dale Kinser to Sign for All Items Not Requiring a Professional Engineer License

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of Supervisors, recognizes the need for efficient and effective administration of county operations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Adams County to designate an individual with the authority to sign documents that do not require the certification of a professional engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Adams County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Authority Granted:** Dale Kinser is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute all documents, forms, applications, permits, contracts, and other related items that do not require the certification or seal of a professional engineer on behalf of Adams County.
- Scope of Authority:** This authority includes, but is not limited to, routine administrative documents, maintenance agreements, and any other documents as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of Adams County.
- Duration of Authority:** This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked or amended by the Adams County Board of Supervisors.
- Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Resolution 2026-7 Authorizing Dale Kinser to sign Items not requiring a Professional Engineer License. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Resolution 2026-8

ADAMS COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams County Board of Supervisors adopts the following policy concerning the design and construction of new and/or reconstructed bridges and culverts for the Secondary Road System:

Bridge roadway widths are to comply with the requirements set out in the current AASHTO Design Guides and/or current design guides established by the Iowa Department of Transportation. The minimum width of low water crossings on dirt (unsurfaced) roads will be 18 feet.

Culverts, with the exception of low-water crossings, and bridges are to be sized to accommodate, as a minimum, the runoff from the flood frequency shown below:

On Level C or B Service roads, 10-year reoccurrence frequency

On Level A Service, granular surfaced roads, 25-year reoccurrence frequency

On paved roads, 50-year reoccurrence frequency, checked for 100 year reoccurrence frequency.

Design flows are to be selected from the “Iowa Runoff Chart” for drainage areas less than 2 square miles, and from the appropriate formulae shown in the USGS Scientific Investigation Report 2013-5086, for drainage areas in excess of 2 square miles.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Resolution 2026-8 Adams County Secondary Roads Design and Construction Policy. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.

**Resolution 2026-09
COMPENSATION FOR FENCE**

WHEREAS, it is sometimes necessary to remove fences to construct projects at locations where additional county road Right-Of-Way has been acquired;

AND WHEREAS, the landowners incur added expense for the replacement of this fence on the property outside of the newly acquired Right-Of-Way;

AND WHEREAS, Adams County will compensate the landowners from whom additional Right-Of-Way has been obtained at the rate of **\$ 65.00 per rod** for fence of any type that is removed due to the purchase of said new Right-Of-Way. In addition Adams County will compensate the landowners **\$ 150.00 per post** for each additional cornerpost/bracepost combination needed to construct the new fence because of the changes in the fence alignment due to the new construction as determined by the proposed plans.

Hardisty moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Resolution 2026-9 Compensation for Fence. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.

**Resolution 2026-10
DESIGNATION OF COUNTY ENGINEER TO AUTHORIZE
UTILITY, TELECOMMUNICATION PERMITS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Board of Supervisors, that effective January 1st, 2026, Nick Kauffman, P.E., Adams County Engineer, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Adams County Board to execute utility and telecommunication permits on the county Right-of-Way through calendar year 2026,

HOWEVER, if Engineer Nick Kauffman is absent, Carter Brehm, the Assistant Engineer approve all utility and telecommunication permits.

Akin moved, seconded by Shipley to approve Resolution 2026-10 Designation of County Engineer to Authorize Utility, Telecommunication Permits. Ayes: Shipley, Hardisty, Akin, Standley. Nays: none. Absent: Maynes. Motion carried. The full resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.

Secondary Roads Update – Hauling stockpile rock. Seeding Colony 19 today. Advertising for Lincoln 3 and 4. The new mechanic is doing a fantastic job. Loss Control meeting will be on Monday.

Department heads reports: Sheriff – new vehicle is being fitted at Karl Chevrolet. Officers are attending schooling. Auditor – Submitted valuations. Working on W2s and 1099s.

Committee and Meeting Reports: Hardisty – SCI 911, December 17, Creston.

Akin moved, seconded by Hardisty to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 AM. All supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Chris Standley, Chairperson, Adams County Board of Supervisors
Betsy Stormer, Adams County Auditor

Adams County	
Employee Gross Wage Summary	
0101/2025-12/31/2025	
Patton W Adams	4,072.50
Sarah M Adamson	61,311.37
Kali D Akers	43,506.24
Scott J. Akin	23,234.98
Amberly J Allsup	4,678.75
Christopher M Ames	57,651.24
Adrienne G Anderson	63,696.46
Tanner L Anderson	59,548.40
Dezirae A Archer	2,743.57
Donald J Ashenfelter	7,917.00
Donald J Ashenfelter	60,553.19
Bobbi J Baker-Maynes	23,285.38
Kevin S Behlers	59,548.42
Alyssa L Birt	14,060.85
Rebecca Bissell	32,521.20
Parker B Boswell	4,743.75
Bryanne M Brandt	6,203.73
Carter A Brehm	1,923.08
Lisa A Brown	47,967.79
Karen Carl	54,522.37
Ryan D Carlson	79,496.24
Lee J Cobb	59,777.21
Emma K Cook	41,510.39
Bruce A Damewood	54,829.75
Amy E Detlaff	4,899.96
Terry Evans	225.00
Kyle D Freshour	21,415.88
Zachary A Girard	53,145.43
Laton C Goodson JR	8,000.00
Michael D Gray	59,673.24
Dalton B Green	79,944.86
Tony E Hardisty	23,234.98
Karl D Herring	65,651.68
Alan D Johannes	92,376.96
Gary M Johnston	59,444.41
Jackie M Kathikar	33,861.80
Dale J Kinser	91,349.96
Andrew J Knuth	122,758.02
Peyton S Kramer	56,438.30
Hunter B Lank	86,628.54
Judy Loonan	150.00
Clifford L Mann	550.00
Rebecca A Mann	67,067.27
Karl T McCarty	3,267.00
Dylan K McVay	8,250.00
Kandi L Miller	42,892.68
Richard C Miller	88,008.03
Maury C Moore	300.00
Benjamin D Mullen	500.00
Benjamin D Mullen	84,332.31
David Mullen	600.00
Matthew C Mullen	91,227.61
David G Nail	14,289.78
Leonardo Nava	70,979.05
Joshua C Oglesbee	52,936.82
Martin Olive	300.00
Owen R Paul	6,352.00
Travis R Paul	78,239.07
Blake D Pritchard	59,444.43
Stephen Richey Jr	60,089.20
Duncan J Roberts	43,254.30
Michelle Roberts	60,848.53

Wayne E Rychnovsky	7,998.50
Gregory C Sackett	225.00
Holly A Schafer	67,564.98
Lynn Schafroth	7,665.00
Derick M Seaton	61,860.34
Leland D Shipley	23,741.38
Donald W Shires	59,548.42
Jennifer R Shires	55,269.09
Lori L Shires	7,805.32
Brett A Silva	15,128.39
Cadie A Silva	29,256.01
Matthew J Staiert	79,656.08
Christopher Standley	252.00
Christopher M Standley	23,234.98
Jamie L Stargell	67,564.98
Holly R Steeve	21,259.20
Betsy L Stormer	61,286.28
Gail M Towne	26,820.25
Nancy J Turner	5,430.46
Rodney L Walters	59,487.98
Logan D Westlake	53,679.93
Tom A Williams	72,730.84
Grand Totals	3,369,696.37