Q3 Economic Activity Report Highlights

Business/Employment

- Wages down slightly .9%.
- Unemployment dropped by .5% to 3.6%.
- No. of businesses increased by 4% or by 55 new businesses.

Real Estate

- Retail and industrial real estate vacancies all under 4%. The tight market is sparking interest in building pre-lease and speculative projects by developers.
- Office showing an increase by **9.5%** but this is expected as another building is built in the North Forest Office complex and the Adams County office building gets listed on the market.
- Residential housing values increased 10.8% for the quarter but the total number of single-family homes sold during the quarter is down 7.8%.

Commerce