

Our History

1753 Introduction of a district constitution during the Prussian judicial reform in Mark County, to which the district of Unna (Hamm) belongs.

The district of Hamm includes the old offices of Hamm, Unna, Kamen, Lünen and Schwerte as well as the jurisdictions of Buddenburg, Haaren-Uentrop, Heeren and Reck. The first chief administrative officer is Dietrich Freiherr von der Recke auf Haus Reck (present day Hamm-Lerche).



David Wiethaus

1808-1813 Napoleonic rule. The Prussian town councils are dissolved and reorganized according to the French example. In 1809, David Wiethaus is put at the top of arrondissement Hamm as subprefect.

1816 Division of the Prussian province Westphalia into three administrative regions and into districts as lower state administrative authorities.



Freiherr vom und zum Stein

1817 David Wiethaus becomes the first chief administrative officer of the new district of Hamm. He has already provisionally occupied this office since 1813.

1829 First district council election after the introduction of the district ordinance of 1827.

1831 Karl Freiherr vom und zum Stein dies at the age of 73 at his retirement home in Schloss Cappenberg, a castle in Selm. The Prussian state reformer was, among other things, the chairman of the Westphalian provincial parliament and member of the district councils in the districts of Hamm (Unna) and Lüdinghausen.

1887 Erection of the rural district office in Hamm. The district has its own administrative building for the first time. A new district ordinance for Westphalia issued in 1886 becomes effective. The chief administrative officer receives assistance for the first time from a district committee as a central administrative organization in addition to the district council.

1901 The City of Hamm withdraws from the district chapter and forms its own city district. The rural district office remains in Hamm, however.

1919 First democratic district council election.

1929 In the course of the communal reorganization of the Ruhr Area, the communities Hengsen, Holzwickede and Opherdicke which belong to the Office Aplerbeck in the district of Hörde, are integrated into the district region.



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1930 The rural district office is moved from Hamm to Unna. The district of Hamm is renamed the district of Unna.

1933-1945 Abolishment of the democratic self-administration during national socialist rule.

1946 First democratic district council elections after the Second World War (SPD 35, CDU 11 and KPD 2 seats). Introduction of the so-called dual leadership. The chief administrative officer becomes honorary political representative and chairman of the district council. The higher district director, who is elected by the district council, takes over as the administrative head. Hubert Biernat becomes first democratically elected chief administrative officer (1946-1950 and again from 1961-1964).



Landratsamt Unna



Kreishaus Unna

1960-1964 Erection of a new administrative building on Friedrich-Ebert-Straße in Unna (Kreishaus Unna).

1966 Several communities are joined to form the compound community or city of Bergkamen.

1968 Through the so-called Unna Law, nine cities and communities are formed from the former 75 municipalities.

1975 Through the municipal reorganisation, the district of Unna is extended to the City of Lünen, which until then was administered as a district in its own right, as well as to the cities of Schwerte, Selm and Werne. At the same time, the communities Pelkum, Rhynern and Uentrop withdraw from the chapter and are awarded to the City of Hamm. Fritz Boeckmann is re-elected as chief administrative officer from the newly constituted district council (1970-1988).

1999 The latest reform of the North- Rhine-Westphalia municipal constitution leads to the disposal of dual leadership. Since then, the fulltime chief administrative officer, who represents the district outwards and also heads the district administration, is elected directly by the population.

Gerd Achenbach becomes the first fulltime chief administrative officer. The acting chief administrative officer is Michael Makiolla (elected in 2004).



Michael Makiolla

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