

Wednesday December 3, 2025

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	Yes	
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	Yes	

Becky Plattner called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2025 session. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve a payment schedule. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve a payment schedule as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6721 in the amount of \$187,225.28 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6722 in the amount of \$33,285.53 for 941 taxes, and order #6723 in the amount of \$4,418.21 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented November additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$61,456.95. Personal Property abatements totaled \$14,246.66. Real Estate additions totaled \$999.93. Real Estate abatements totaled \$50,426.69.

Becky Plattner presented the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to transfer Mateo McBride from the Jail Division to the Road Division effective December 1, 2025. His rate of pay will increase to \$21.37 per hour. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner read a brief portion of a proposed dust control ordinance. There will be two more readings of the ordinance before it is voted on to be passed. She said "Dust control on County Roads. To provide guidance for grading and dust control on roads within the Saline County Common Road District. Number 1, roads within the Saline County Common Road District will be graded at least once annually before Summer regardless of dust control application. Number 2, dust control may be applied at the property owner's expense. Number 3, property owners who place dust control on County roads must notify the Saline County Road and Bridge Department in writing before application. Forms are available in the County Commission Office." She stated that it will be given an ordinance number and passed in a later meeting.

Monte Fenner reported that the Marshall Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Christmas light revitalization. The Commission was asked to be a part of it and were honored to do so. Participants of the light revitalization were MMU, MSDC, the Randy McGraw Family, the City of Marshall, the County Commission, and the Marshall Tourism Commission. They all contributed to new lights on Odell Avenue, Arrow Street, and the Courthouse Square. The Commission will be meeting with Engineer Aaron McVicker and landowners at 10:00 this morning, at the 245<sup>th</sup> Road bridge that is to be expected to be replaced next year. He will also be attending an Extension meeting at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office south of the Square.

Stephanie Gooden reported that she was one of the few selected to attend the NACo (National Association of Counties) Rural Action Caucus fly-in from November 18-22. She stated that it was an honor to present on the behalf of Saline County. Her advocacy points were the passage of a farm bill, and part of the farm bill is the USDA Reconnect. The USDA Reconnect is still a pilot program and not permanently funded. Saline County has received two rounds of the Reconnect funds, and they would like to see the program continue to be funded until every rural county across the nation has been permanently supplied with broadband access. They discussed the USDA rural development and its programs, and how when a grant is given, there are so many different bureaucratic processes that go through many different hands and positions, it's almost like the federal government is funding the federal government to hand out a grant. So, they advocated for the money to go straight from the agency to the local communities where the money is needed. She also advocated for local rural health programs. Our region does not qualify for the federal rural health office grants because of our geographic location. So, that is one of the reasons they advocate for supporting our local rural health hospitals because we don't always qualify for the grants that the federal government is providing, and also, the competitiveness of the

grants. The Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant, only eight hospitals are selected for that grant. Our hospital is being proactive in trying to help itself with grant and other funding opportunities, but when those opportunities are not out there, it makes it hard. They also advocated for the Medicaid and Medicare costs to match actual healthcare costs. Right now, because of our hospitals classification as a PPS hospital, the reimbursement rate is 62.5% less the cost. Fitzgibbon is not getting reimbursed the actual rising healthcare cost, which is putting them at a severe disadvantage. During the meeting she was able to meet with many senators, including the Senator from South Dakota, Hawaii, Michigan, Alaska, and Idaho. She also attended the Missouri Association of Counties conference from November 22-25. She was selected to serve again as a member-at-large on the MAC board, and is still the Chair for the Economic Development Committee. One of the legislative priorities for the Economic Development Committee this year is to save rural hospitals.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of November. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$123,021.21. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$92,265.69. Use tax collected in the amount of \$102,144.29. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$30,755.33. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$123,021.11.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the November distribution report. Collections totaled \$3,217,935.21. On November 26, 2025, she sent the required notification letter to all the taxing entities informing them of their Senior Tax Credit amount. Letters were required to be sent by November 30<sup>th</sup> per RSMo 137.1050 (5). Each letter states the total credit for that district, which is the amount that the seniors in their district applied for and received. Senior Tax credits totaled approximately \$176,000 countywide.

Auditor Karlin Breshears gave a reminder to office holders about turning in budgets. She also requested a special payment schedule for December 29, 2025. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Auditor Breshears announced that the County was commended on its inventory system by the Missouri Association of Prosecution Services, and its recordkeeping of the Jail fire by the outside auditors.

Becky Plattner asked for it to be noted that the Christmas ornaments around the Courthouse were paid for by the County.

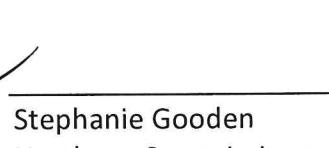
Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:17 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner called the meeting back to order at 9:18 am. There was no vote taken on the special payment schedule for December 29<sup>th</sup>. Becky Plattner called for a vote. All Commissioners in favor. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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Certified by:

  
Brittni Allison Burton  
County Clerk

