

Wednesday December 17, 2025

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	Yes	
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	No	

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

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 session. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve a payment schedule. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve a payment schedule as presented. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6724 in the amount of \$194,117.24 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6725 in the amount of \$35,117.45 for 941 taxes, and order #6726 in the amount of \$4,911.87 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6727 in the amount of \$12,669.37 for the November CERF collections, and order #6728 as a letter of destruction for an office chair from the Recorder’s Office. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton gave a reminder of the Countywide totals for November additions and abatements which were tabled during last session. Additions totaled \$62,456.88. Abatements totaled \$64,673.35. Becky Plattner stated that they are acknowledged as received.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to hire Shylynn Tennill as a full-time position in the Jail Division starting on December 11, 2025, and a request to hire Marianne Moore as a full-time position in the Road Division starting on December 11, 2025. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hires. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. [both are already employees of the Sheriff’s Dept. but recently graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy and are now POST certified]

Recorder Jessica Baker submitted a request to hire Kristin Bergstrom as a full-time Deputy Recorder. Her start date is set for December 22, 2025, and her rate of pay will be \$17 per hour. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented ordinance #6729-2025 as a policy for after-hours use of the Saline County Courthouse. She stated “Pursuant to RSMo 49.266, the Saline County Commission is charged with the care, management, and oversight of the Saline County Courthouse and its properties. To ensure the safety, security, and proper use of county facilities, the Saline County Commission has adopted the following policy regarding after-hours use of the courthouse. Number one, restricted use. The Saline County Courthouse is not available for after-hours use by individuals or organizations outside of official county or city business. Number two, approval required. Any use of Saline County properties must be formally requested by application, provided by the Saline County Commission, and approved by the Saline County Commission during a regular Commission session. Number three, Compliance. All approved uses must comply with county rules and regulations, and the Commission reserves the right to deny any request that is not consistent with county policy, safety, and security considerations. This policy ensures that the courthouse remains secure and available for its primary function of serving the citizens of Saline County. She asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented ordinance #6730-2025 as an ordinance for dust control on County roads. It is a policy to provide guidance for grading and dust control on roads. She stated “Roads within the Saline County Common Road District will be graded at least once annually before summer, regardless of dust control application. Dust control may be applied at the property owner’s expense (which is normal). Property owners who place dust control on county roads must notify the Saline County Road Department in writing before application. Forms are available in the County Commissioner’s Office as well as in the Common Road. She asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented ordinance #6731-2025 as a model floodplain management ordinance. She stated that the ordinance essentially transfers responsibility to issue floodplain permits from the Commission to the Emergency Management Director.

Monte Fenner reported that he attended an MU Extension Council meeting on December 3rd where it was decided that the 2026 annual meeting will be held on March 3, 2026 at the Saline County Fairgrounds. At the annual meeting, five new Century Farms will be recognized, and they will swear in the newly elected council members. On December 9th, the Commission met with McClure Engineering and landowners at the 245th Road bridge. It is estimated that the bridge replacement will cost \$750,000 and is expected to be completed by the Summer of 2026. The Commission attended a pre-construction meeting with Mera Excavating on December 10th for the Paw Paw Trail bridge. It is estimated that the bridge replacement will cost \$1,004,077 and is expected to be completed by March 30, 2026.

Becky Plattner reported that her and Stephanie Gooden attended a virtual meeting for Region F Solid Waste Management District annual meeting, and a virtual meeting for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS).

Becky Plattner asked County Clerk Britni Burton if she had any news other than the election coming up. Clerk Burton stated she did not have anything else other than the election. Commissioner Plattner asked if she has been busy. Clerk Burton stated yes.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of December. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$116,257.22. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$87,193.53. Use tax collected in the amount of \$79,112.26. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$28,865.82. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$115,453.39.

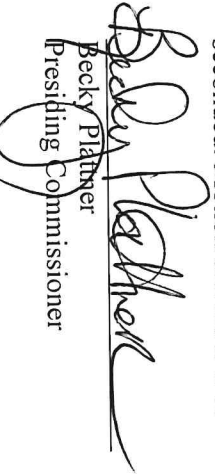
Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz explained that the annual EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) grant that pays for a large portion of the EMA budget has not been released yet. It was supposed to have been released in June. The EMPG mini grants which fund sirens and similar items have not been released either and were supposed to have been released in July or August. The second HazMat meeting will be held on January 6, 2026 at Family Worship Center in Marshall. They are trying to get all the cities, schools, and different districts together. There will be one more official meeting in March to wrap things up and hopefully they will be able to put together the 5-year hazard mitigation plan after that. He also stated that the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) club set up a repeater at Fitzgibbon Hospital, and Emergency Management supplied a back-up battery so there will be approximately 8-10 hours of power for records to be transmitted in case of a complete power outage or major problem. He reported that all the generators are working. There were two that had not been put in service yet, but they are now up and going. He learned that the YMCA generator is to be maintained by the EMA department but had not been serviced in quite some time, so he was able to get it up and running. Director Hinz does monthly testing. He performed testing the previous day, and it ran smoothly. On December 3rd, they took part in a pet sheltering exercise in Clinton.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that she is working on year-end and gave a reminder that Friday is the official last pay run for the year but explained that a special payment schedule has been approved for December 29th for any invoices that need to be paid before the end of the year.

Becky Plattner presented the 2026 payroll and payment schedule. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve.

Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:20 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.


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Presiding Commissioner

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Certified by:


Britni Allison Burton
County Clerk

