Wednesday August 26, 2026

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 9:01 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026 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 the payment schedule as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Auditor Karlin Breshears presented commission order #6807 in the amount of $199,803.54 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6808 in the amount of $34,914.23 for 941 taxes, and order #6809 in the amount of $4,983.28 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner reported that the construction of the 245th Road bridge north of Mt. Leonard started on Monday August 24th and is expected to be completed by December 1st. The construction crew working on the turn lanes at the Junction started pouring concrete on August 24th after receiving a compaction permit from MODOT. The sewer project is continuing on the northwest quadrant at the Junction and is expected to be completed around October 1st. The Welcome Center was opened on Monday August 17th.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the County has received the operations permit for the wastewater treatment facility from DNR (Missouri Department of Natural Resources). They have meetings with Marshall Municipal Utilities (MMU) since they have an agreement for MMU to operate the wastewater treatment facility. She attended the Governor's Breakfast at the State Fair on August 20th. She also attended a lunch with the Ag Commission and Senator Josh Hawley where they were able to address Senator Hawley about local issues.

Becky Plattner reported that she attended the quarterly RHSOC (Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee) meeting with Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz. The committee received updates and were able to announce the recipients of the grants for the 2026 cycle. She asked EMD Hinz to announce what Saline County Emergency Management received.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz explained that Saline County Emergency Management was approved for approximately $5,000 in RHSOC grants, which is great considering the competition for this year's money. The grants will help fund the Salamander program to create ID badges, and for generator load testing and maintenance. They are very happy to receive the grant dollars as things like that add up quickly. The County has about 12 generators and 4 of them are expensive to test and maintain.

Becky Plattner stated that the requests for RHSOC grants totaled over $273,000 and the committee only had $166,737 to award. Due to the limited pool of money, the committee tries to award the licensing and similar requests of the smaller agencies automatically. The City of Odessa was awarded over $36,000 for purchasing 8 portable radios. Portable radios can cost $6,000-$7,000 each. The City of Higginsville's Fire Protection District was awarded $88,000 to purchase 4 mobile radios, 10 portable radios, and 4 repeaters and they have applied for those for the last 3 years. It is always hard to make the decision on which project to fund because there is a limited amount of money, but the committee knows that the equipment will also be shared between the agencies in times of need. This year the FIFA World Cup took away from the funds. The agencies were told that it would not happen, but a lot of money got funneled up to Kansas City for the World Cup instead of being spread out across the state. The next RHSOC meeting will be in October. The Commission received a request from Malta Bend Memorial Post #558 for use of the Courthouse lawn on November 11, 2026 at 11:00 am for a Veterans' Day ceremony. Commissioner Plattner asked for a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Fenner made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. The Commission also received a thank you letter from the Marshall Cultural Council for the use of the Courthouse lawn

for their Shopping Under the Sun event and they also requested use of the lawn for the next Shopping Under the Sun event on August 7, 2027. Commissioner Plattner asked for temporary approval at the moment due to the extended period of time of the request. Commissioner Gooden made a motion to approve. Commissioner Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden said that the Commission is working with a Missouri Welcome Center affiliate to get the Welcome Center label installed on the blue MODOT highway signs. It is a lengthy process, and they are moving forward through the steps. The pilings are ready for the Nitrogen Avenue bridge, and the bridge is expected to be completed in December. The Commission was also able to express some road concerns with MODOT.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:13 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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Certified by:

Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk