

Wednesday July 29, 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 8:59 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 session. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner 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.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6799 in the amount of \$183,772.21 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6800 in the amount of \$37,353.16 for 941 taxes, and order #6801 in the amount of \$5,092.57 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 liquor licenses in the amount of \$36 for two caterer's licenses issued to Bud's Café and Holiday Lanes. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson submitted a request to hire Alyssa Brown for a full-time position as a Legal Assistant. Her start date was set for July 21, 2026. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the June distribution report. Collections totaled \$159,954.93 in personal property, real estate, and surtax. She stated that the tax sale will be on August 24th and there are currently 114 properties eligible for this year's tax sale. Registration starts on August 3rd.

County Clerk Brittni Burton reported that the public test for next week's election will be tomorrow at 9:00 am in her office.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz explained that the SEMA public assistance applications for the tornado that went through northern Saline County are due July 30th. He notified all the entities that were affected. Also, the FY25 EMPG grant was approved for \$45,458. The funds finally came through for last year's grant cycle. Commissioner Gooden asked which entities were notified for the SEMA public assistance. EMD Hinz replied that the main entities affected were City of Gilliam, City of Slater, and Gilliam Special Road District. He said that he knows Slater had already turned theirs in, Gilliam was working on theirs, and he left a message for Gilliam Special Road District.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the Commission met with MODOT on Monday. They discussed the RFQ for the design build on Saline County's section of the Improve I-70 project. Construction is expected to start in mid to late 2027 and part of the RFQ includes changes to Highway 127 in Sweet Springs. She attended a TAC (Transportation Advisory Council) meeting, and all Saline County representatives were present. During the meeting she met with Troy from MODOT who is a Multimodal Rail Safety Specialist. He will be meeting with the Commission on September 21st to inspect the railroad crossings in the county. After session, the Commission has an Economic Development meeting and a Pioneer Trails meeting. The Welcome Center ribbon cutting and opening ceremony will be Monday August 17th at 9:30 am. After the ribbon cutting, the Welcome Center hours of operation will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Commission received a request from the Head family to correct an erroneous assessment of their house. They were being assessed on a stick-built home when their home is a double wide that was put on a foundation. The County will issue a refund in the amount of \$275.63 for half of the taxes paid. She also gave a reminder that the Board of Equalization meetings are held in July every year and are available for property owners to address assessment issues.

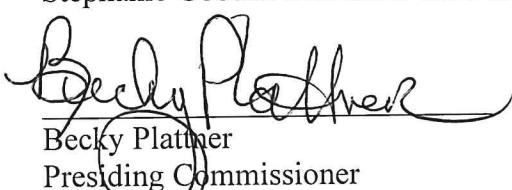
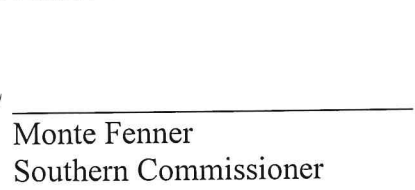
Monte Fenner reported that the Commission received a report that the sewer project at the Junction for the NW and NE quadrants is 18% complete and the contract time is 56% complete. It is scheduled to be finished by October 1st. The construction of the 245th Road bridge will start in the third week of August and is expected to be finished on December 1st. When it is done, it will be the 9th BRO bridge, and the 20th total bridge, that has been replaced in the county in the past 14 years.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the MODOT authorization has been submitted for the Quince Avenue bridge by Howe Company. The bids are estimated to be released in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Becky Plattner gave a reminder of events happening on the Courthouse Square this weekend.

Monte Fenner gave a reminder that the Develop Saline County board will have a meeting at 9:30 this morning.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:12 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

		
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Certified by:


Brittnei Allison Burton
County Clerk

