

Wednesday September 24, 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 8:58 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 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 a payment schedule as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Auditor Karlin Breshears presented commission order #6697 in the amount of \$192,238.67 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6698 in the amount of \$34,092.01 for 941 taxes, and order #6699 in the amount of \$4,553.54 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.

Auditor Karlin Breshears presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$33. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson submitted a request to hire Holly Smith for a full-time position as a Legal Assistant. Her start date is set for October 1, 2025. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the new hire as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden explained that the Saline County Photography Club would like to display pictures in the rotunda of the Courthouse during the month of November. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the displaying of the pictures. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Malta Bend Memorial Post #558 submitted a request for use of the Courthouse lawn and bell tower on November 11, 2025, for a Veterans' Day ceremony at 11:00 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Charlie Guthre submitted a request for use of the Courthouse lawn on September 18, 2026 for a POW-MIA ceremony. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked that it be made a matter of the minutes that there are no non-payroll commission orders for this session.

Mary Ann Gilpin from United Way explained that they are getting ready to start their campaign for the 2025-2026 year. This year they have five agencies that they will be supporting and are looking to raise \$14,000. They have already done a golf tournament this year and will be hosting their annual spaghetti supper tomorrow night at the Knights of Columbus. She requested use of the Courthouse lawn to display a sign on the southeast corner for the month of October to track their funding progress. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Livestock Specialist Shelby Jenkins from the MU Extension talked about corn residue grazing. Corn residue grazing is underutilized in Missouri. There is a lot of corn residue left after harvest, and a majority of it can be grazed by the cattle and allow producers to stretch the grazing season. It is great for row crop producers as well. Corn residue grazing during the fall will not compact the soil because throughout the winter there are freeze and thaw cycles that help break up the compaction. Even if you wait to graze in the spring and wait for it to rain, corn residue grazing would just barely cross the compaction levels that would start to hurt soybean yield. So, it would not impact the crops at all, and some producers may even see a bump in soybean yield. Corn has been pretty much unaffected. A lot of other Midwest states are doing corn residue grazing. Stephanie Gooden asked if any weight loss has been seen in the cattle when they graze the corn. Shelby stated that it is possible but that would most

likely happen if someone were grazing the fields incorrectly. She provided an information sheet with a formula to calculate the maximum grazing days. To help prevent possible weight loss, producers should look at their husks, which is the highest energy source for the cattle. If there are not many husks left in the field, then the cattle should be rotated. She recommends the producers only allocate enough for about 30 days, then go out and monitor to see when they need to start supplementing or changing the field.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) were opened for the Paw Paw Trail bridge. Qualifications were submitted by Great River Engineering and Howe Company. Becky Plattner asked for a motion. Monte Fenner made a motion to receive the RFQs as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Treasurer Jared Brewer reported that he got back from training last week. Becky Plattner asked how the bank account transfer was going. Treasurer Brewer said that he made a transfer yesterday to the new bank, so they are getting things finalized. He said it will be an ongoing process especially with the State and getting all the ACHs transferred over.

Auditor Karlin Breshears stated that her office is gearing up for year-end and will start to work on budget items next month. She will send out budget worksheets sometime in October.

Monte Fenner reported that he attended the MSDC monthly meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, MODOT area engineer Marsela Ward visited with the Commission and gave her monthly report. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, he attended the leadership meeting with the Marshall Chamber of Commerce. He will also attend a MU Extension Council meeting tonight.

Becky Plattner reported that her and Stephanie Gooden will be attending the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission's monthly meeting over Zoom at 9:30 am today.

Stephanie Gooden reported that she attended a Marshall Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>, where they discussed the hot air balloon festival scheduled in 2026. The Commission were honored to participate in the POW-MIA memorial ceremony on September 19<sup>th</sup>. She hosted a Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) meeting the previous night where they voted on their MODOT funding allocations for the long-term needs list. She thanked the members of TAC and appreciates their time and dedication. They are Saline County citizens who get to drive the roads every day so as needs come up, they are sure to put them on the list. She also attended an Extension Advisory Board meeting the previous day where they discussed the fundamental presentation of Extension and Counties is changing as funding is changing, so they are looking at what to do in the future as best to serve the citizens through Extension.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:16 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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