

Wednesday May 20, 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 9:00 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 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.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6775 in the amount of \$187,442.22 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6776 in the amount of \$33,190.58 for 941 taxes, and order #6777 in the amount of \$4,875.31 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. 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 commission order #6778 in the amount of \$20,534.82 for the April 2026 CERF collections, order #6779 in the amount of \$5,000 to add postage to the County postage machine, and order #6780 in the amount of \$400,000 for the first quarter transfer to the Jail-Justice budget. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$2,089 for 9 renewals. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Heavy Equipment Operator John Bargfrede submitted a request to extend 43.25 hours of vacation for 90 days from his anniversary date of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the extension. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented a renewal for a COBRA agreement with Higginbotham for COBRA administration services with no cost to the County. She asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the agreement. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton reported that certification for the August election is Tuesday at 5:00 pm, she will be attending the spring election conference next week from May 27-29, and today is the last day to vote for the financial statement cover photo.

Collector Cindi Sims presented February, March and April distribution reports. Collections for February totaled \$90,835.35 for boxcar and \$612,252.26 for regular collections. Collections for March totaled \$340,542.65. Collections for April totaled \$280,950.71.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of May. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$122,966.83. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$92,224.86. Use tax collected in the amount of \$100,679.77. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$30,743.53. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$122,977.44.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson reported that Jon Hall started this week. He will be a legal assistant until he gets his license, which he sits for in July. He has been a practicing attorney in England for several years and is not new to the courtroom. His new legal assistant, Maria Misuraca, starts next week which will make them fully staffed again. Yesterday was the sentencing on Jonnie Grimes' arson case in Lafayette County. Mr. Grimes was sentenced to 15 years for arson and 10 years for property damage. It was not as much as what PA Thompson asked for but he was able to get restitution as a condition of parole, so if Mr. Grimes is paroled, he will be required to pay the deductible back to Saline County. He took a plea and accepted responsibility. In the assessment report, he apologized to the people of Saline County and to Saline County in general and recognized that he made a mistake. PA Thompson got a good sentencing on the most recent trial they had. Judge Rose carried out what the jury recommended as the sentence and granted his request for the sentences to run consecutively. He believes the word consecutive is something that needs to be heard more often on several occasions.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that it is business as usual, and she is getting things ready for the outside audit.

Becky Plattner presented commission order #6781 to place a question on the ballot to renew the Common Road District rock tax. The ballot language reads: "Shall the Saline County Common Road District be authorized to renew the levy of a 35 cent per \$100 value of assessed valuation on taxable real estate and personal property in that district, of which is 411 miles, for four years for the years of '26, '27, '28, and '29 to be used for rock only on the roads in the Common Road District?" She explained that the County receives about \$343,000 to \$400,000 every year from the rock tax, and, at current prices, it would cost approximately \$1,400,000 to put gravel on all 411 miles of the roads in the Common Road District. She asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner reported that bids were opened for the 245<sup>th</sup> Road bridge on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 bids submitted. The high bid was \$896,323.29. The low bid was \$590,936 from Brookfield Box and Bridge LLC. The Commission has decided to accept the low bid of \$590,936. The project should start in mid-June and finish before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the low bid. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden reported that she attended a NACo (National Association of Counties) call on Monday where they discussed crop land and top soil conservation. The Commission inspected roads and bridges yesterday. They had a couple of calls that they needed to lay eyes on, particularly around 260th Road. She also asked for permission to write a letter of support for the Governor to sign House Bill 1825. It would be to encourage the Governor to sign the legislation that passed the House and Senate, which would allow counties that would return to a 3<sup>rd</sup> classification to remain a 2<sup>nd</sup> classification for an additional 5 years.

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.

  
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Certified by:

  
Brittni Allison Burton  
County Clerk

