

Wednesday June 18, 2025

| Name | Position | Present | Quorum |
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| 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 June 4, 2025 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. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6662 in the amount of \$194,527.04 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6663 in the amount of \$34,613.09 for 941 taxes, and order #6664 in the amount of \$4,607.79 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 commission order #6665 in the amount of \$5,000 to add to the County postage machine, and order #6666 in the amount of \$19,259.65 for the May 2025 CERF collections. 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 \$2,486 for 7 renewals and \$65 for 2 temporary licenses. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented May 2025 additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$32,092.79. Personal Property abatements totaled \$1,678.39. Real Estate additions totaled \$365.47. Real Estate abatements totaled \$467.53. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to make the additions and abatements a matter of the minutes. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchoff submitted a request to hire Evan Chadwick for a full-time position as a Court Bailiff. His start date was June 16, 2025 and his rate of pay is \$22.66 per hour with a \$1,200 annual uniform allowance. 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.

Becky Plattner announced that financial bids will be opened during the session scheduled on July 2, 2025.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the Countywide Cleanup was held on June 7th, and she thanked the Saline County Fair Association for the use of the parking lot at the Saline County Fairgrounds for the event. There were 179 total loads. It was a good turnout considering the rain that came through that day. She also thanked the Probation and Parole Office for the community support.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of June. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$134,165.69. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$100,624.04. Use tax collected in the amount of \$98,289.22. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$33,541.67. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$134,167.44.

Collector Cindi Sims announced that this year's annual tax sale will be held on August 25th at 10:00 am in the Courthouse rotunda. So far there are about 169 properties to be listed. Publications will start the first week of July and June 30th is the last day to pay so your name does not end up in the paper. Certified mail is expected to go out this week. Registration for the tax sale starts August 1st. She also gave an update on the Senior Tax Credit. She has received 1,370 applications. So far, 952 applications have been approved, 5 have been denied, 175 are waiting to be reviewed, and the remaining applications have issues that need to be resolved before they can be processed. The deadline for applications is August 31st.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson reported that he attended a Multidisciplinary Team meeting the previous day with the Children's Division and Child Safe out of Sedalia.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that the County has received the draft copy of the outside audit from Gerding, Korte and Chitwood, but she still needs to review it.

Livestock Specialist Shelby Jenkins from the MU Extension Office gave an explanation of virtual fencing for livestock operations. It works similar to how a virtual fence would work for dogs. A collar would be placed on the livestock, which would communicate with a GPS system to show where the animal is and whether the animal is within a set boundary. The technology has been working very well in research trials, and in real life production systems. It is being used primarily out west, and one thing the producers out there really like about the technology is that they can see where their livestock is and where they are grazing in real time, especially for the livestock that is turned out on public land which can be thousands of acres. It also allows the producers to choose where the livestock can go and which land resources they use. There are some challenges. Depending on which collar is used, there are pros and cons of all the ones that are on the market right now. Some collars are better at working in smaller land spaces and pastures versus large land spaces. Another challenge, but which has made improvement, is keeping the collar on some of the livestock. Cattle like to rub on trees and fence posts, but they have come a long way in developing the technology that keeps the collar on the cattle. Battery life is also a concern that has made improvements. Solar panels have been implemented to help boost battery life and to prevent the producers from having to change out the collars too often. Not every animal will work with the system. About 85-90% of cattle will respond and will learn very quickly what they are supposed to be doing, and the other 10-15% will struggle with the system, so some producers may need to consider culling if they want to use virtual fencing. Virtual fencing is not meant to replace a permanent boundary, because it will not be effective 100% of the time but may allow producers to use some spaces that were not able to be used before. Monte Fenner asked how much the collars cost. Shelby responded that it depends on what company the producers go with and whether the collars are bought or rented. When the collars are bought out right, they tend to be more expensive. When the collars are rented, they tend to be cheaper, but often a tower must be purchased to go along with them, and those towers are expensive. Cost share options may be available through the USDA or NRCS in the future.

Becky Plattner asked that it be made a matter of the minutes that once a quarter, it is the responsibility of all elected officials to give a report to the Commission.

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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Presiding Commissioner


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Certified by:


Brittini Allison Burton
County Clerk

