

Wednesday May 7, 2025

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	Yes	
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	No	

Becky Plattner called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025 session. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve a payment schedule. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6651 in the amount of \$33,332.46 for 941 taxes, order #6652 in the amount of \$188,640.92 for a cash transfer of payroll, and order #6653 in the amount of \$4,464.04 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$2,411.34, which included 8 renewals and 5 temporary licenses. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to hire Marianne Moore for a full-time position in the Communications Division. Her start date was set for May 5, 2025 and her rate of pay will be \$17.51 per hour. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Livestock Specialist Shelby Jenkins from the MU Extension office spoke about grazing management. The University of Missouri has been pushing management intensive grazing. Instead of allowing the animals to graze a big pasture as they please, management intensive grazing would utilize rotational grazing. Rotational grazing would force animals to be in smaller paddocks where the farmer could choose how often to rotate them. When rotational grazing is used, farmers see about a 20% increase in stocking rate as opposed to continuous grazing, as well as increasing the total gain per hectare by 23%. Producers can learn about rotational grazing and more at the Missouri Grazing School happening on May 21-23, 2025 in Lafayette County. Additional dates and locations are available and can be obtained by contacting the MU Extension office.

Becky Plattner asked that it be made a matter of the minutes that Commissioner Gooden is not in session due to attending another meeting.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of May. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$112,781.40. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$84,586.16. Use tax collected in the amount of \$97,165.87. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$28,186.45. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$112,745.85.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the April 2025 distribution report and her annual settlement. Collections totaled \$273,658.44 in personal property, real estate, and surtax. There were \$32,294,106.93 in distributions last year, which included \$226,509.14 in interest, \$31,624,677.91 in tax dollars, \$90,254.52 in bank interest, \$342,390.36 in miscellaneous fees, and \$10,275 in merchant licenses. She stated just over 1,100 Senior Tax Credit applications have been received. This week she will get started on the approval letters and get those sent out.

Recorder Jessica Baker reported that she attended the Recorder's Conference during the last week of April. One of the things talked about was legislation that could affect their office. House Bill 737 is one of those pieces of legislation. It will change the age at which people can apply for marriage licenses. Currently, 16- and 17-year-olds can apply with parental consent. House Bill 737 would change the minimum age for applicants to 18. It has passed the House and the Senate and is sitting on the Governor's desk. If the Governor signs the bill, it will take effect in August. Becky Plattner asked about the scanning of the books. Recorder Baker stated that the company still has the books but she received the digital images, and it would be a couple of months before the books come back. Commissioner Plattner asked if she could bring the books down to show how they are preserved once she gets them back. She said yes, she would.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson said he would like to express his appreciation for the jurors and the jury pool that was involved in the previous week's trial. He was especially appreciative of the jurors who stuck it out because it was a difficult topic to have to be apart of. Commissioner Plattner asked about the upcoming trials that

are booked for the summer. Prosecutor Thompson stated that there are several that are scheduled, but it is not uncommon to have one scheduled just for it to later get resolved, but right now the calendar is full.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff explained that things were going good, and they are getting ready to start painting the public area of the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Plattner thanked the Sheriff and his deputies for assisting in the recent accidents that have happened on the interstate.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that she attended her annual conference in Springfield the previous week. A lot of different topics were discussed. One of the discussions was about Assessor Jessica Goodman's lawsuit with the County and how it affects the other three Class 4 counties, and any repercussions it may have.

County Clerk Brittni Burton stated that her office has been busy. Since Collector Cindi Sims completed her annual settlement, her office was able to complete the 1310, 1313, and 1309 reports which pertain to the 2024 collections. They got them sent off to the State Tax Commission and the Department of Revenue the previous day, along with the Collector's 205 report. She was also able to complete the Railroad and Utilities, which was submitted to the State Tax Commission. Her office received the last bill from the April election that morning, so she is expecting to be able to send out the election bills by the end of the week. Clerk Burton also presented the April additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$38,741.52. Personal Property abatements totaled \$1,934.27. Real Estate additions totaled \$0. Real Estate abatements totaled \$6,702.54.

Becky Plattner said they received a cultural review clearance which they have been waiting on. She also gave a reminder that Truman's birthday will be observed the following day and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:18 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

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Certified by:

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