

Wednesday April 23, 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 9:02 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 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 #6642 in the amount of \$186,261.32 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6643 in the amount of \$33,074.58 for 941 taxes, and order #6644 in the amount of \$4,392.72 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 #6641 to void and reissue check #119591 due to the vendor not receiving the payment, and order #6645 in the amount of \$30,266.64 for the March 2025 CERF collections. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented the Assessor's quarterly report which was prepared by the Clerk's office. It covers January 2025 through March 2025. It is a \$0 reimbursement from the State for the Assessor's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Becky Plattner asked if it had been signed by the Assessor already. Clerk Burton said yes, it had. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to receive the Assessor's quarterly report and make it a matter of the minutes. Monte Fenner made a motion to receive the report. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented March additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$58,643.79. Personal Property abatements totaled \$27,056.22. Real Estate additions totaled \$0. Real Estate abatements totaled \$0. Stephanie Goodan made a motion to make it a matter of the minutes that the Commission has received the additions and abatements. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$1,332.34 for Sinaloa LLC in Marshall/\$139.34, American Legion Post #78 in Slater/\$303, Stone Hedge Gold Course in Marshall/\$506, Aldi in Marshall/\$306, Leaning Side in Marshall/\$13, Holiday Lanes in Marshall/\$39, Mi Jalisco in Marshall/\$13, and Bud's Café in Marshall/\$13. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to hire Bailey Welch for a full-time position in the Communications Division. Her start date is set for April 24, 2025 and her rate of pay will be \$17.51 per hour. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner gave a reminder that the Booze, Burgers, and BBQ event is scheduled for Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm on the Square. The use of the Courthouse lawn and circle drive was approved in a prior session. She also reported that she attended a meeting in Concordia the previous day on behalf of the Commission for the RHSOC (Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee) regular quarterly meeting. At the meeting, the State office informed them that the 2024 funding has been unfrozen and there was not a freeze on any other funds. They are waiting for the approval of the 2025 funding.

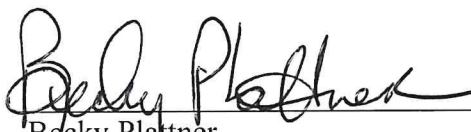

Monte Fenner reported that MODOT closed the Y Highway overpass at Emma on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>. The overpass is being replaced and is scheduled to be completed by December 2025. The Lemon Trail overpass is expected to be completed by this mid-Summer. MODOT is currently resurfacing Highways 240 and 41 east of Marshall. He also announced that for the Return to the Roost event on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> most of the Square will be closed but the Courthouse will still be open.

Stephanie Gooden reported that on April 15<sup>th</sup> she attended a County Commissioners Association meeting and a Missouri Association of Counties meeting. Legislative Days followed that evening, where they met with legislators. She met with Senator Gregory, Representative Thompson, Representative Nolte, and Representative Taylor regarding the classification of counties and asking for a legislative fix. They also discussed the per diem that is possibly going to the Sheriffs' retirement, which will be taken out of the per diem that goes for

reimbursement of detaining state inmates. There is a lot of legislation that affects the counties via state unfunded mandates and the counties were there fighting that. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, State Treasurer Vivek Malek was in Saline County speaking about the MO ABLE program. The Commission was happy to attend and feel like it's a great program for Missourians to take advantage of. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, she attended a TAC (Transportation Advisory Council) meeting in Concordia where they discussed MODOT roads and infrastructure. Route O has been taken off the unfunded needs list since it will be repaved soon. TAC also discussed temporary patches on MODOT roads that are not holding and broken signs. The signs that need to be repaired along I-70 will not be replaced until the I-70 expansion project starts. They are still in design build phases so they don't know the weight tonnage of I-70. Missouri does not have the infrastructure that other states do, that have a large amount of tonnage, so we lose out on some transportation opportunities on some of our roads, especially around towns where the weight limit is not as high as others. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Mark Alford visited Saline County and Commissioner Gooden was able to attend on behalf of the Commission to speak with him about the importance of a farm bill and getting it passed. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, she had a meeting in Jefferson City with Representative Thompson, Representative Nolte, and Todd Richardson of Missouri HealthNet where they talked about past due Medicaid payments to Fitzgibbon Hospital. Commissioner Fenner asked what the current per diem is. Commissioner Gooden stated that the current per diem is \$24.95. Through House Bill 5, the State has increased it by 50 cents, but as per negotiations and agreements, that 50 cents will probably be given to the Sheriffs' retirement.

Becky Plattner reported that the quarterly Economic Tax meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> where the towns brought in their projects for review. The next meeting will be held in August. She also stated that the Commission will be meeting with all three water districts in the County, along with Mitch Rademan from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. It will be an informational meeting. The Commission feels that if they can pull the water districts together to work as one to upgrade and update water lines, it would be easier to retain grants or any type of funding that they can get from the State. The goal is to unite the water districts instead of having them competing with each other, vying for the same pot of money. She also stated that Pro Clean stripped and waxed the floor of the Jail-Justice Center the previous weekend. The Commission in the process of ordering two new front doors and they have hired someone who is going to strategically clean the teak wood furniture that has been there since 1998. It is worth taking care of, and they are trying to bring the building back up to par.

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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Becky Plattner Presiding Commissioner	Monte Fenner Southern Commissioner	Stephanie Gooden Northern Commissioner

Minutes Certified by:

  
 Britt All Burton  
 County Clerk

