

Wednesday July 16, 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 9:00 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 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 a payment schedule as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6670 in the amount of \$192,015.62 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6671 in the amount of \$34,038.92 for 941 taxes, and order #6672 in the amount of \$4,493.39 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 #6673 in the amount of \$16,755.27 for the June 2025 CERF collections, and order #6674 in the amount of \$435,000 for the second quarter transfer to the Jail-Justice budget. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$559 for 2 renewal licenses and \$55 for an auctioneer license. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Treasurer Jared Brewer announced that as required by statute, the County sought bids from banking institutions interested in serving as the County depository. Three bids were received and opened in the previous meeting. After careful consideration, the County has chosen Exchange Bank’s proposal. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve Exchange Bank as the County depository. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Bids were opened for a storm siren at the State Park in Arrow Rock. One bid was received. Blue Valley Public Safety submitted a bid for \$26,947.06. Becky Plattner asked if the bid would like to be tabled and discussed, or if it will be accepted immediately. Monte Fenner asked former Emergency Management Director Tony Day how the storm siren would be paid for. Tony responded that the Emergency Management Department has funds that have been received from different city entities for the purchase of items such as storm sirens, and those funds will be used. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to table the bid and take it under advisement for Emergency Management to decide. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

MSDC Executive Director Connor Swift gave an update on some of MSDC’s projects. Currently they are exploring the opportunity for childcare for the City of Marshall and Saline County. They have potentially found a building and are waiting to see if it will be a viable place to open a childcare facility. The project would engage corporate sponsors and community sponsors. The building has a possibility of allowing upwards of 200 children. In Missouri, 98 out of 114 counties are considered childcare desserts, meaning they do not have enough childcare spots for the kids that are in the counties. Missouri loses about \$1.15 billion annually due to lack of childcare. There is a developer who has purchased properties in Marshall and Sweet Springs who is looking to build high-end lease housing. They are talking to a developer about potential housing in Slater. They are also pursuing businesses in Slater, Sweet Springs and at the Junction. Connor will be attending the State conference in September. Stephanie Gooden asked if the childcare facility would be a countywide initiative or just a corporate sponsorship initiative. Connor stated that it would just be corporate sponsorship, but they would like to see if they can get involvement from the cities and the county. Commissioner Gooden asked about their marketing ventures, where they advertise and how they advertise. Connor responded that they typically advertise through their Facebook page, but he is working with his assistant director who has 15-20 years in marketing, and who is looking at different avenues that they can pursue to further their reach.

Becky Plattner gave a reminder that the Emergency Management Department is hosting a committee meeting that is scheduled for Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Marshall. During the meeting they will review and update the hazardous mitigation plan. She also presented a service agreement with Marshall Municipal Utilities to manage the wastewater treatment facility at the US 65 and I-70 Junction. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve of the agreement. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented June additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$31,949.55. Personal Property abatements totaled \$226.24. Real Estate additions totaled \$47.22. Real Estate abatements totaled \$47.20. She also reported that her office is getting ready for tax levies. Becky Plattner gave her condolences on Brittni's former employee Regina Bockman who passed away recently.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of July. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$115,256.69. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$86,442.78. Use tax collected in the amount of \$83,748.97. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$28,814.20. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$115,256.59.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that the County's outside annual audit has been completed. Everything went well. Gerding, Korte and Chitwood gave the County compliments on how they kept the records for the Jail renovation and fire. They were glad that everything was separated out and were glad to work with the County. The audit documents have been retrieved from GKC and are ready to be picked up by office holders.

Monte Fenner reported that he attended an MSDC meeting the previous week as well as an Extension Council meeting. There is a new secretary at the MU Extension office and there will be a new roof on the building in August.

Stephanie Gooden presented the Collector's turnover for June. Collections totaled \$195,798.67. The Collector has received 1,524 Senior Tax Credit applications. 18 applications cannot be processed due to missing documents, 42 are in homestead maintenance, 8 are pending approval, and 13 have been denied. The Collector has 106 properties listed for the tax sale. Registration for the tax sale will be August 1-22. The last day to remove a property from the sale will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cash or certified funds will be required for payment at the conclusion of the tax sale. Commissioner Gooden reported that she attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting this week and gave a reminder that the Saline County Fair is underway. 4H and FFA participants turned in their projects the previous day, and she encourages everyone to look at all the great projects at the Multipurpose Building.

Becky Plattner announced that the Develop Saline County quarterly board meeting will be held at 9:30 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:19 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

