

Wednesday February 11, 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 January 28, 2026 session and the February 9, 2026 emergency 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 #6747 in the amount of \$186,880.89 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6748 in the amount of \$33,236.96 for 941 taxes, and order #6749 in the amount of \$4,066.19 for CERF .7% and elective savings. 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 commission order #6750 in the amount of \$37,577.56 for the January 2026 CERF collections, and commission order #6751 as a letter of destruction for an office chair, serial number 1746. 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 \$309 for Marshall Xpress Mart, and Fresh Idea Management (Missouri Valley College). Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the licenses as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz explained that they are getting into the last couple of months of the Hazard Mitigation Plan where they will combine all the paperwork and get it sent off to Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. One of the steps in the plan is to have the County approve a Resolution, which would state that the County has looked over the resolution and plans on implementing it into the comprehensive plan. It would go into effect in 2027 and will expire 5 years after that. County Clerk Brittni Burton assigned #2026-6752 to the Resolution. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Deputy Chad McReynolds submitted a request to extend 40 hours of vacation for 90 days. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the extension. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to hire Tyreese Grose for a full-time position in the Jail Division. His start date was February 3, 2026 and his rate of pay is \$17 per hour with a \$600 annual uniform allowance. 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.

Susan Pointer from the Saline County Fair Association presented a request to use the Courthouse lawn from Friday June 5, 2026 until Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> for the Saline County BBQ. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented an agreement between the City of Slater, the Sheriff's Department, and the County for law enforcement services provided to the City of Slater for \$13,000 per month. She asked for a motion to approve of the agreement as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden clarified that in the agreement the 120 hours per week is not calculated just by hours spent on patrol, but also includes time working on a case, attending court, or writing ordinance tickets. She seconded the motion. Becky Plattner explained that the agreement will commence on January 1, 2026 and will renew on the first of January each year under the same terms until December 31, 2028. She called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton stated that she is getting ready for an election test.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of February. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$129,357.60. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$97,018.08. Use tax collected in the amount of \$115,212.45. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$32,338.84. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$129,356.39.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the January distribution report. Collections totaled \$649,836.19. She explained that February is the last month of her collection year, so she will have additional items paid out this month like

PILT and boxcar. She is working on a renewal for the Senior Tax Credit. An online renewal is coming along, and she is hoping it will be ready by March. She is also starting to prepare for this year's tax sale. The first round of delinquent notices will go out next week.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz reported that they are getting ready to do some spring weather trainings and are still preparing for the FIFA World Cup games coming later this year. Becky Plattner stated that she is interested in tornado watch training and asked if he could bring that to the area. Brad responded that there are some trainings right now being offered through the National Weather Service and believes they made them accessible to the public by putting them on YouTube, but he would get more information.

Monte Fenner reported that there are several updates from the Junction projects. The Commission met with Brent Kane from Great River Engineering the previous day. They were told that the wastewater treatment facility is 80% completed, the lift station on the southeast quadrant is 83% completed, and all wastewater projects will be completed by April 1, 2026. The Commission went to the Welcome Center site on Friday, and it is about 60% completed. The roof will be put on this week. The I-beams are in place for the Paw Paw Trail bridge, and they are waiting for the weather to improve so they can pour the concrete flooring. It is expected to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Fenner also reported that he attended an MSDC meeting the previous day and attended an Extension meeting two weeks ago.

Stephanie Gooden explained that they opened bids for annual services last session, and she gave an overview of the bids that were turned in on time and accepted. Poppy's Remodeling and Design - \$52.50 per hour, Russell Pipe Sales, Russell Brothers Excavating LLC, MFA Oil, IT Service Pros for computing services at the Jail-Justice Center, Con Agg for rock, CTS for computing services for the Courthouse with a 5 year contract, BW Graphics including the financial statements, letterhead and envelopes but does not include blank copy paper, Viebrock Sales, BBL Auto Express for the Sheriff's Dept. patrol car maintenance, BBL Auto Express for snow removal and treatment of the Jail-Justice Center, Emergency Management Dept., Courthouse and Annex, FCS Fischer Concrete Services, and Gerding, Korte and Chitwood for external audit. The late bids that were not accepted were Corepay which is a Casey's gas card, J&B Developments, and Green Printers, although part of Green Printers' bid will be accepted since the services were not included in the bid from BW Graphics, like the cleaning supplies and copy paper. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept all the bids as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Commissioner Gooden reported that she attended a Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission board meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> where they discussed expanding the member services to the small towns and unincorporated areas. She explained that there is a grant opportunity offered through Department of Natural Resources. It is a scrap tire grant opportunity, and the grant deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that a traffic study was done on Nature Avenue, but it was performed during a time of heavy snow. They believe the traffic count is low and will have the study redone. The vehicle count during the 7:00-8:00 am hour was 6 cars, and during the peak hour between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm was 7 cars. She also attended a NACo Agriculture Committee meeting where they received legislative updates. They are working on the 2026 farm bills and the 2026 appropriations stop gap. Monte Fenner added that Nature Avenue is between the end of J Hwy and H Hwy, and is a shortcut that a lot of people use to get to Marshall.

Becky Plattner presented a renewal of a contract with the Department of Social Services effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028 for child support collection services. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the contract. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner explained that MODOT asked for a letter of support from the County for the replacement of the bridge on I-70 over the Lamine and Blackwater Rivers. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to provide a letter of support. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner explained that the session scheduled for Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at 11:00 am. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to hold session at that time. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to recess at 9:22 am. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to recess. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner reconvened the meeting at 9:32 am for the scheduled budget hearing. Present were Presiding Commissioner Becky Plattner, Southern Commissioner Monte Fenner, Northern Commissioner Stephanie Gooden, County Clerk Brittni Burton, Auditor Karlin Breshears, Treasurer Jared Brewer, Collector Cindi Sims, Human Resources Manager Jackie Woods, Marshall-Democrat News Editor Sarah Gray, and KMMO Reporter Kyle Hill.

Becky Plattner determined that a quorum was present.

Becky Plattner explained that this is her 12<sup>th</sup> budget and appreciates all the work that has been done. She considers it an honor to be able to present a 12<sup>th</sup> budget. She read the 2026 budget message. She stated "The 2026 budget is balanced at \$44,805,600. As budget officer, the Commission along with the County Auditor's responsibility is to

balance resources across all departments while meeting the operational needs of each elected official, trusting each office holder to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars. Across the departments 91 employees and elected officials are budgeted throughout general, assessment, justice center and special funds that are dictated by state statutes. Each elected officeholder is responsible for the management of their respective funds and hiring of their employees. Once the budget is adopted, officeholders receive monthly financial reports throughout the year to monitor expenditures and ensure spending remains within approved fund limits. General Revenue and Expenses of Fund 10 for the 2026 budget year is estimated to be \$5,268,997. Within Fund 10 are line items such as Contingent Reserve, \$300,000, University of Missouri Extension, \$45,000 plus all utilities and maintenance of that property, RPC dues are \$4,000 a year, and the MSDC dues that we contribute is \$25,000 in order to hold a seat on that board. Saline County Justice Facility, Fund 35, budgeted at \$3,447,211, does not cover it all by itself, with a general revenue contribution of \$1,700,000. Fund 61 Waste Treatment Facility, Fund 51 Welcome Center partially funded with EDA and EPA grants, with the additional Economic Development Sales Tax approved that was approved April the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2018. These two projects support the county's purpose and without limitation, economic development. On behalf of the Saline County Commission, elected officials and county employees, we wish to thank all of you for continued support and trust as we service the citizens of Saline County."

Stephanie Gooden clarified that for the 2026 budget, as mentioned by Becky, \$1,700,000 of general revenue is to supplement the Jail and Justice expenses for law enforcement, in addition to the law enforcement sales tax. For the 2025 budget, general revenue contributed \$1,370,000 to the Jail-Justice Center. The use tax collected for 2025 only totaled \$1,113,000, so more than the use tax is contributed out of general revenue for safety and security, to provide necessary equipment, for staffing, and to protect both the employees and the citizens of Saline County. These taxes are necessary to keep the safety of the community. Also, a sunshine request was received, so to make it a matter of public minutes for the budget process, the County has spent \$144,956.63 on attorneys' fees for the classification lawsuit which started out as a 0.5% versus 1% into the Assessor's budget.

Becky Plattner opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:37 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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

Certified by:   
Brittini Allison Burton  
County Clerk

