

Wednesday April 8, 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 March 25, 2026 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 the payment schedule as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6764 in the amount of \$183,927.01 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6765 in the amount of \$32,675.16 for 941 taxes, and order #6766 in the amount of \$4,733.58 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.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of April. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$114,349.10. Law enforcement tax #1 collected in the amount of \$85,762.09. Use tax collected in the amount of \$84,450.23. Law enforcement tax #2 collected in the amount of \$28,589.96. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$114,386.19.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz reported that the last planning meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan was last night. There will be one more meeting to go over and score the different action items before it is compiled and presented to Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. It is expected to be completed in May or June. Saline County is at 95% participation this year, which is up from when the plan was updated 5 years ago. During the last plan, the county was at 86% participation. They are also working on getting a storm siren for Van Meter State Park. Commissioner Gooden gave him congratulations on increasing the participation because without the plan, if there is a natural disaster, there would be no coverage from FEMA.

Auditor Karlin Breshears stated that she is finishing up the preliminary documents for this year's outside audit. She will be out of the office April 21-24 for the annual Auditor's conference. That week is a pay week, so she is working on arranging a drop area for purchase orders since her office will not be open. She will be getting with office holders on Monday April 27th so they know what documents they will need to provide for the outside audit. She will also coordinate with the outside auditors to set an official date for the audit.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchoff reported that things are going well in his department. He has several people going through training and his department is gearing up for the summer.

Becky Plattner gave a reminder that on Friday April 10th there will be a ceremony for child abuse prevention at 10:00 am and pinwheels will be displayed in the Courthouse through the month of April. A proclamation will be presented to the Division of Family Services during the ceremony. The Develop Saline County Board quarterly meeting will be held on April 15th at 9:00 am. She will attend an RHSOC meeting on April 28th at 9:30 am. Last week, the Commission attended the ribbon cutting for the Historical Preservation. She also attended the hazard mitigation planning meeting last night.

Monte Fenner reported that phase 1 of the Junction sewer project is 98% complete. They are expected to begin the project on the NE and NW quadrants later this month. The construction bids for the 245th Road bridge will be let on April 15th and will be opened on May 7th at 10:00 am in the Commission office. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year. He attended an MU Extension meeting on Monday at the Extension Office where they discussed the future location of the Extension Office in Saline County, but they have not come to any conclusions so far.

Stephanie Gooden gave a reminder that the tentative date for the Countywide Cleanup is June 13th. She gave a thank you to the Saline County Fair Association for the use of the lower lot at the fairgrounds. Items that will be accepted are furniture, clothes, electronic scrap (e-scrap), bulk debris, and 2 appliances per household not including freon based appliances. Tires will be accepted at \$2 per tire for the first four tires, then \$5 for each additional tire and will only be accepted without the rim. Freon based appliances, yard waste, and hazardous waste material will not be accepted. Marshall has a facility on 245th Road that accepts hazardous waste by appointment only. The facility is open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month from April to October. She reported that she will attend a MAC and CCAM meeting on April 14th in Jefferson City. She attended an Extension Advisory Council meeting at 3:00 pm yesterday where they discussed Extension Councils,

and their decision-making policies and how they work with the county commission. The ribbon cutting for the new Paw Paw Trail bridge will be held on April 20th at 9:00 am. On March 31st, she attended the MODOT public meeting for the Nitrogen Avenue bridge construction. The bridge is being replaced preemptively due to the I-70 expansion. MODOT has decided to do a right on, right off access to I-70 so the families in the area are not landlocked while the bridge is under construction. The bridge is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. She gave an update on how the economic development tax dollars are being used in the county. Along with the infrastructure that is being built at the Junction, funds also go to the towns and cities in Saline County. As of October 2025, the total distribution to the cities and towns is \$4,898,000 which is a lot of infrastructure and improvement happening in the county. It is easy to forget that the tax dollars are working all over the county, not just at the Junction.

County Clerk Brittni Burton announced that yesterday's municipal election went well. It was very busy, but everything went smoothly. There are 13,613 registered voters in the county, and 2,310 voted in the election, so there was a 16.97% turnout. It is an improvement from last year, which was approximately 11.91%. There were 67 variations of write-ins, and the Senate Bill 3 question was passed by voters with 1,449 votes.

Stephanie Gooden explained that the Senate Bill 3 ballot language was ambiguous but that was the language that was provided by the Missouri Association of Counties. The County has been planning and preparing since it was passed by the State Legislature but needed it passed by the voters before they could start on implementing any of the plans. Although they have started on software improvements to accommodate Senate Bill 3, they are looking at a 2027 implementation as arrangements have been made with office holders for the application process and there is still litigation in progress over the constitutionality of the bill. They are also working on an ordinance that will need to be passed. Becky Plattner asked if there were any questions. Marshall-Democrat News Editor Sarah Gray asked if the courts find the bill to be unconstitutional, would the passage of it by the voters be null and void. Commissioner Gooden said yes, that is their understanding. If it is declared unconstitutional, it would not be implemented.

County Clerk Brittni Burton reported that she had a lot of new poll workers yesterday but was still short in some precincts. It was fine for an April election but in August and November she will need all hands on deck and even more people than she had yesterday, so she will probably start the search for poll workers early for the upcoming elections.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:26 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:


Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk

