

Wednesday July 30, 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 16, 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 #6675 in the amount of \$197,385.42 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6676 in the amount of \$35,085.65 for 941 taxes, and order #6677 in the amount of \$4,538.91 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 #6678 to void and reissue check #119421 in the amount of \$795 due to the vendor not receiving it. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton the Assessor's quarterly report for the first quarter, April to June. Total reimbursement from the State is \$51,224.05. Becky Plattner asked if it was for the 2025 agreement. Clerk Burton responded that she believed it was. Stephanie Gooden asked if the total parcel reimbursement is \$54,000 and some change. Clerk Burton responded yes. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the Assessor's quarterly report to make it a matter of the minutes. Monte Fenner made a motion to accept. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Emergency Management Director Brad Hinz reported that the bid from Blue Valley Public Safety for the storm siren in Arrow Rock was approved. Blue Valley Public Safety has already sent a notification saying they have ordered the siren. He will be meeting with them tomorrow to go out and review the site where the siren will be placed and discuss some other equipment issues. He said that the storm siren testing that was performed the previous week went well except for the Malta Bend siren did not activate as planned. He checked it yesterday and managed to get it to work and is hoping to try it again on the first sunny day. He also stated that the Red Cross shelter volunteer training will be held on September 27, 2025 at the United Methodist Church in Marshall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Anyone who completes the training will be a certified Red Cross shelter volunteer which allows them to set up a shelter until Red Cross can arrive in the event of a major catastrophe.

Deputy Robert Shively submitted a request to extend 20 hours of vacation time for 90 days. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. 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 Owen Scott for a full-time position in the Communications Division. His start date was set for July 21, 2025 and his rate of pay will be \$17 per hour. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented a request from the Saline County Historical Society for use of the Courthouse lawn for a picnic on September 13, 2025. She asked for a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented a letter of destruction on behalf of Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff for four office chairs inventory #1361, #1229, #1433, and #1430, a Pro Curve network switchboard inventory #1450, a Fellowes shredder inventory #1401, a Quill shredder inventory #2210, and a View Sonic monitor inventory #1371. She asked for a motion to approve the destruction. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner reported that the Commission met with Marsela Ward for their monthly MODOT meeting on Monday. During the meeting Ms. Ward stated that the Lemon Trail overpass will be reopened in about 2-3 weeks. After that, the Nitrogen overpass east of J Highway will be replaced. She is also checking some of the lettered roads for brush and obstructions. She was going to be in the southwest part of town after the meeting.

Stephanie Gooden reported that she attended a Transportation Advisory Council meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> in Concordia. During the meeting the council received bridge updates in Emma which is almost completed. They were also informed that the I-70 expansion from Blue Springs to State Route H in Odessa is expected to start in September and finish in 2028. The council added items to their unfunded needs list, which included ground stabilization on the west side of the hill on T Highway in Grand Pass, total reconstruction on Highway 240 from US 65 to Glasgow and proper curve banking at Highway 41 and Weber Seeds, curve banking on the turn out from 240 Highway to 41 Highway in Arrow Rock, and widening of the road and culvert replacement on Highway 122 from Van Meter State Park to Highway 41. MODOT is unsure of how much funding it going to be received for the rural area which includes low-volume roads. It was mentioned that the low-volume roads would get \$700,000 for the budget year and that would only repair one route. She also reported that the Commission has been in Board of Equalization meetings the past few weeks and will be attending a Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission meeting in Concordia after session today.

Becky Plattner explained that the Courthouse has had some flooding the past week or two due to heavy rain. The Commission has met with two different contractors to find the issue and get it fixed. Water has been seen in two offices on the south side, the Auditor's office and the Prosecuting Attorney's office. She also wanted to make it a matter of the minutes that the Sheriff's Department has been approved for grant funding from the Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund in the amount of \$40,907 which was effective on July 1, 2025. She congratulated them on continuing their efforts on applying for and receiving the grant to improve the deputy sheriffs' salaries.

Auditor Karlin Breshears requested a special payment schedule to produce a check for Westport Construction today. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to have a special check run. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:17 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

  
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 Brittni Allison Burton  
 County Clerk

