

Wednesday April 22, 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 April 8, 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 #6767 in the amount of \$185,222.49 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6768 in the amount of \$32,861.25 for 941 taxes, and order #6769 in the amount of \$4,770.35 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 #6770 in the amount of \$31,062.52 for April 2026 CERF collections, and order #6771 as a letter of destruction for two particle board desks from the Sheriff's Department. 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.

Sheriff Daniel Kirchhoff submitted a request to hireCarolynn Reece for a full-time position in the Communications Division. Her start date was set for April 6, 2026, and her rate of pay will be \$18.04 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.

The City of Marshall submitted a request for use of the Courthouse lawn every Thursday starting on May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Marshall Municipal Band. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the request. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented an agreement with Community Bank of Marshall to sell a piece of land on the back side of the old jail for \$500. She asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Monte Fenner abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Saline County Health Department Administrator Tara Brewer spoke about their Narcan distribution initiative. She stated that the initiative is not about assuming the worst, but about being prepared for the unexpected. Much like having an AED in the building or a fire extinguisher on the wall, Narcan is a tool that can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. They have Narcan kits free of charge for businesses, organizations, and individuals across the county. There is an instructional video on the Health Department's Facebook page that walks through how to properly administer Narcan. Their goal is to have Narcan in as many locations as possible throughout Saline County so if a situation arises, someone nearby has the ability to respond. They hope Narcan is never needed, but if it is, it gives someone a second chance at life. People take CPR classes not because they expect something bad to happen, but they want to prepare for if it does. Having Narcan is no different. It is a simple, powerful tool that allows everyday people to step in and save a life in a critical moment. The initiative is about preparation and equipping the community with tools and confidence to respond when it matters most. Strong communities don't wait, they prepare. The Health Department has given out 100 boxes so far, and have 200 more getting ready to come in. They are hoping to distribute as much as they can throughout the county before the World Cup.

Monte Fenner reported that he will be attending an MU Extension meeting today at 5:30 pm.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the Commission attended the ribbon cutting for the new Paw Paw Trail bridge at 9:00 am on Monday. After several years in the making, about 3 government shutdowns, 2 engineering firms, and 3 cultural survey phases, they are thankful that it is finished. She attended a Marshall Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. They have several festivals happening including the Goat Hill Fest on June 20<sup>th</sup>, a hot air balloon festival on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and a flag route for Partners in Patriotism which they are looking for volunteers to help. The Commission is working with two engineering firms for bridge applications to the BRO program. This year, BRO funding is allegedly reduced but there has been no official communication yet. The Commission has asked Great River Engineering to submit the application for the Horizon Trail bridge and has asked McClure Engineering to submit the application for the 245<sup>th</sup> Road bridge. They have asked them to submit the engineering applications once MODOT has opened the application period, which will be opened if there is

funding. They are working on the roof of the annex, also known as the old jail. When it was built, the flashing did not get installed to the edges and has since continued to come up and leak. Countless repairs have happened, so they have made the decision to install a pitched roof to help with water drainage and the cost for a pitched roof was almost equal to replacing the flat roof. The Commission attended the YMCA where they were able to speak about Senate Bill 3 and the Senior Tax Credit. They also attended the Batlin Recovery Center where they were able to talk about the organization and how they are a benefit to the community. There seems to be false information circling about the Commission only meeting twice per month. The Commission has a standing agenda and is in the office Monday through Friday generally from 8:30 am to 11:30 pm, but most times they exceed those hours. They are in the office 5 days a week unless they are in training or if someone has a day off, but they encourage citizens to come in and speak with them. They have an open-door policy, and if a meeting is in progress at that moment, they will get to the person as soon as the meeting is over. They have never chased anyone away. If they are seen out looking at roads and bridges, that is part of their statutory authority and responsibility and is part of their job that they take seriously.

Becky Plattner reported that she will be attending the RHSOC meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses in the amount of \$2,439. Renewals were for all Casey's stores/\$1530, Marshall Wine and Spirits/\$334, The Cheese Store/\$256, and Wal-Mart/\$306. There was one caterer's license for Holiday Lanes for \$13. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Clerk Burton also presented the Assessor's quarterly report for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. It was for a \$0 reimbursement. Becky Plattner stated that they will receive it when they get their copy.

Becky Plattner announced that they will open bids for the construction of the 245<sup>th</sup> Road bridge on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There are two bridges on 245<sup>th</sup> Road, and they will be opening bids for the first one.

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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Certified by:   
 Brittni Allison Burton  
 County Clerk

