

Wednesday January 31, 2024

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	Yes	

Becky Plattner called the meeting to order.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024 session. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6497 in the amount of \$170,670.88 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6498 in the amount of \$30,811.91 for 941 taxes, and order #6499 in the amount of \$3,794.57 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.

Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve a payment schedule. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6496 in the amount of \$45,096.79 for the December 2023 CERF collections. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Marshall Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amanda Linneman was present to request the use of the Courthouse lawn for the Booze, Burgers, and BBQ event on April 27, 2024. This event has been rebranded from the Wine Walk to be more inclusive of the different connoisseurs. The request is only for the use of the lawn. The Courthouse will not be open during the event. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins stated that the Sheriff's Department is wanting to contract with Ozark Correctional Healthcare for inmate medical services. This would be a change from the current medical provider, but it would expand the services provided to the inmates and allow for an on-site nurse approximately 20 hours per week. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve of the contract. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented two liquor licenses, both for Sweet Springs Restoration Foundation in Sweet Springs/\$28, \$28. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton explained that the deadline for the annual Financial Statement to be completed has been moved up to March 1. In the previous meeting, two bids were received to produce the Financial Statement. She stated that she would like to accept the bid from BW Graphics in Versailles, MO. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the bid as presented from BW Graphics. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Auditor Karlin Breshears commented that she would like to thank all the elected officials, office holders and all others involved in the 2024 budget process for working hard and getting all the necessary information together.

Monte Fenner stated that in the previous meeting bids were opened for the annual materials and services. He reported that all the bids have been reviewed and are acceptable. Monte Fenner made a motion to accept all bids for all departments. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. He also stated that during the recent cold spell experienced in the previous weeks, the furnaces went out in the MU Extension office. Both units will have to be replaced, at an estimated total cost of \$9,800, and are scheduled to be installed the next week.

Stephanie Gooden reported she attended the Transportation Advisory Council meeting on January 18th. She gave a thank you to the eight dedicated members of this committee that represent Saline County, all were present at the meeting. One of the items discussed were the MODOT signs and their poor readable condition. Brush cutting was discussed as well. The committee was informed that MODOT shares brush cutters, and in our four-county area, MODOT shares two cutters. MODOT did have the brush cutters in the Saline County area recently. MODOT also introduced the new area engineer, Marsela Ward. Stephanie also announced that the

Countywide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2024, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Saline County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. She thanked the Saline County Fair Association for approving the use of the fairgrounds for the cleanup. She stated that in the past week, there was a meeting regarding the Welcome Center where more details were discussed, and also that the roads are experiencing the repercussions of the inclement weather. The recent snow, ice, and rain that the area received, as well as the melting of the snow and ice, has been detrimental to the roads. She asked that anyone with a road concern call the Commission office at 886-7777 or the Road and Bridge Department.

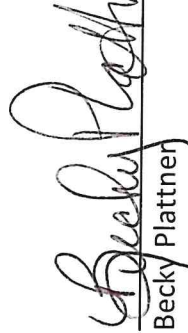
Monte Fenner commented that the Transportation Advisory Council was instrumental in getting the two bridges built between Marshall and Arrow Rock in the last three years.


Becky Plattner stated the upcoming County Commission meeting currently scheduled for February 28th is being moved to February 27th due to mandatory annual training. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve of the schedule change. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.


Becky Plattner asked for a motion to recess the regular session meeting in order to move into the 2024 Budget Hearing. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to recess. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner called the 2024 Budget Hearing to order. She stated that the Commission has worked diligently with Auditor Karlin Breshears and the different offices to be able to present the final, approved 2024 budget to the public. The budget balanced at \$39,553,999. This is a more conservative budget than the previous year, but the County was able to give employees a raise and still cover the base health insurance plan for participating employees. She thanked everyone in being able to present a balanced budget that all can work with. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve of the 2024 budget. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to recess to adjourn at noon. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to recess. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.


Becky Plattner
Presiding Commissioner


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Southern Commissioner


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Northern Commissioner

Minutes Certified by:


Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk

