

Wednesday July 3, 2024

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	No	
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	Yes	

Becky Plattner called the meeting to order.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 session. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2024 special session. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve a payment schedule. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6547 in the amount of \$178,001.29 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6548 in the amount of \$32,597.38 for 941 taxes, and order #6549 in the amount of \$4,009.68 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses for Bharti Liquor in Marshall/\$306, C&R Supermarket in Slater/\$334, Catalpa in Arrow Rock/\$506, Cheese Store in Sweet Springs/\$256, Holiday Lanes in Marshall/\$506, Kazoku Marshall Corp-Kazoku Hibachi in Marshall/\$256, Mexico Lindo 2 in Marshall/\$506, My 3 C's LLC DBA Bud's Café in Marshall/\$23, Pop Shop 1 & 2 in Marshall/\$612, The Garage Hangout LLC/\$303, The Valley Canteen in Marshall/\$506, and V&R Enterprises LLC/\$306. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented June 2024 additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$26,296.86. Personal Property abatements totaled \$77.37. Real Estate additions totaled \$5,126. Real Estate abatements totaled \$0. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept the additions and abatements. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Public Administrator Paula Barr submitted a promotion of Sheryl Hager from Office Manager to Deputy Public Administrator. Her rate of pay will increase from \$17 per hour to \$17.50 per hour. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve of the promotion. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Rodney Moore submitted a vacation extension request to extend 57.75 hours of vacation for 90 days from his anniversary date of June 30th. The extended hours will expire on September 30, 2024. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the 90-day extension. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted a request to hire James Zachary Dilse for a full-time position in the Jail Division. His rate of pay will be \$17 per hour with a \$600 annual uniform allowance. His start date is set for July 15, 2024. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Malta Bend Memorial Post #558 submitted a request to use the Courthouse lawn on November 11, 2024 for a Veterans Day Service. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

The bid submitted by Knowink for poll books for the County Clerk's office was acceptable to County Clerk Brittni Burton. She explained that electronic poll books are required during elections to obtain voter signatures when they arrive at the polls. An update was necessary due to the old poll books being outdated and posing a security issue. Becky Plattner stated the bid was in the amount of \$52,620 for the first year and \$4,350 annually for the following four years for upgrades and licensing. The bid includes 29 tablets, 58 styluses, 29 printers, and 29

cables. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the bid as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept the bid on behalf of the County Clerk's Office. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. The bid submitted by BBL Auto Express for maintenance of the Sheriff's Department's vehicles was acceptable to Sheriff Cindi Mullins. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the bid as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept the bid on behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the June 2024 distribution report. Funds received from the State totaled \$3,715.05 for the 2024 private car tax distribution from rolling stocks tax credit. Collections totaled \$179,041.66 for personal property, real estate, and PLT. She also explained that the tax sale listing will be published on Friday in the Slater Main Street News and on Tuesday in the Sweet Springs Herald. There are 122 properties currently on the tax sale listing, which can also be viewed online. Stephanie Gooden asked for a reminder of when the tax sale was. Cindi stated it is on Monday August 26th at 10:00 AM in the rotunda of the Courthouse. It is the fourth Monday in August every year.

Recorder Jessica Baker reported that for the month of June her office recorded 224 documents, which included 57 submitted by paper and 167 submitted electronically, as well as issued 5 marriage licenses.

Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson commented that when he walked in the building this morning, he was met with so many smiles and he appreciates it. He loves the positivity that he receives and the other people that receive it with a smile because smiles are contagious.

Stephanie Gooden stated that a new class action settlement has been reached with Kroger as part of the National Opioid Settlements. Documents are required to be signed by DocuSign by August 12, 2024 to be able to participate in the settlement. She stated that Prosecuting Attorney Tim Thompson has been the point of contact with the National Opioid Settlements, and she asked that it be made a matter of the minutes that the Commission would like to accept the signing of the documents to be apart of the class action settlement. Tim Thompson stated that the new settlement is very similar to the previous Opioid Settlement but there are not specific numbers now as to what the County's anticipated portion would be. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept Saline County's participation in the class action lawsuit of Kroger Company for the Opioid Settlement. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Becky Plattner announced that the Develop Saline County board is having their quarterly meeting on July 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM and that the County Commission has been invited to be a guest speaker at the monthly luncheon that the City of Marshall Mayor Vince Lutterbie holds with the different cities within the County. The meeting will be held on July 10, 2024 at noon and the Commission has been asked to speak about some of the developments happening around the County as well as the development at the Junction of US 65 and I-70.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the Commission will be attending a meeting on July 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Warrensburg with the three other Class 4 counties operating as a Class 2 to discuss Senate Bill 756, economic development, and other situations that are affecting the counties due to their similar classification. Becky Plattner stated that at the meeting she anticipates a discussion about the lawsuit that was brought by Assessor Jessica Goodman against the Commission and the Collector and said that as of now \$275,945.05 is being withheld from the 48 tax entities involved and is sitting in an escrow account until a decision is made with the lawsuit. As of June 27, 2024 the lawsuit has cost the taxpayers \$83,952.65.


Stephanie Gooden made a statement on behalf of the County Commission. She said "The Saline County Commission informs on the legislation for property tax credit for seniors. The Saline County Commission is informing the citizens of Saline County about a new property tax credit for seniors introduced through Senate Bill 190 and further clarified with Senate Bill 756. The key details of Senate Bill 190 and Senate Bill 756 are as follows. Eligibility. Seniors must be 62 years of age or older, own a homestead, and hold an equitable interest in such property and use it as a primary residence. Number two, implementation. The County is required to adopt reasonable procedures to ensure effective implementation of this tax credit. An application is required as this not an automatic tax credit because of eligibility requirements. Taxes will still need to be paid. This is a credit that protects seniors age 62 or older from increases in tax liabilities due to the reassessment cycle. This program is voluntary, and a renewal application will need to be submitted for subsequent tax years to continue receiving eligible credits. Number three, affected areas. This tax credit will impact all 48 taxing entities in Saline County, including ambulance, road districts, public schools, cities, and more. Number four, financial reporting. Taxing entities within the county must report this credited amount as received funds despite not actually receiving the money. Therefore they, the 48 taxing entities, cannot accommodate the actual revenue loss with levee adjustments. Voter participation. The 48 taxing entities required voter approval to establish or increase their


income. Similarly, Senate Bill 756 can be enacted in the county through voter approval. Another allowable option by the legislation is the adoption of a county ordinance by the County Commission. It is the County's consensus that voter approval is necessary as this tax credit affects 48 voter-approved tax entities. So once the Governor signs Senate Bill 756 which fixes some of the poorly written legislation of Senate Bill 190, the Commission intends to place this issue on the November ballot." She also announced that the Commission is passing a resolution to support the Missouri Main Street Program. It is an educational grant to help organize and keep the downtown revitalization organization. It is going to give education on how to apply for grants as well as be a 501(c)(3) which would help save some of the historic buildings and allow the owners to apply for grants to revitalize downtown. The Saline County Commission created Resolution 2024-001 to support the Missouri Main Street Program. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to accept the Resolution and make it a matter of the minutes. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. Commissioner Gooden announced that Saline County is an Agri-Ready County which was designated in 2016 and Pettis County followed a few years ago. It is good news that the Commission is making strides to better the community. With that, Hemme Brothers Creamery near Sweet Springs has grown to incorporate ten additional employees and the Creamery is adding value to the commodity products that consumers want every day. The value added of agricultural products contributes to \$500.4 million annually to the Saline County economy according to the 2021 Missouri Economic Contribution of Agriculture and Forest study. Due to the County being Agri-Ready, it allows industry to contribute and receive recognition and she gave a "congratulations" to Hemme Brothers Creamery. Commissioner Gooden also stated that the Commission is working on an additional \$600,000 grant for the Welcome Center at the Junction. The past week they have been filling out paperwork to apply for the grant.

Becky Plattner reported that her and Stephanie Gooden attended the Slater Council meeting the previous night. They went to give an update and discuss the Junction, as well as the taxes that are being withheld from them so they understand what is going on. She also stated that they have a contract with one of the engineers for bridge #54, 245th Rd. They will be discussing it with the engineer in the following week. Yesterday the Commission was notified that the air conditioning units can be established and installed at the Jail-Justice Center. She expressed her sincere gratitude on behalf of the Commission to the employees and staff at the Sheriff's Department for the inconvenience and the hardships that they have went through with the inmates due to the extreme temperatures in the building over the last six months. The Commission has done everything they can to accommodate without having to board the inmates out. Approximately \$84,000 has been spent on outside housing for the inmates to date due to the fire and renovations with the possibility of having to do more outside housing at a later date. She explained that the Jail-Justice Center's body scanner grant is near closing. All the equipment has been installed and the licenses received. She announced that Judge Rolif has closed the circuit courts on Friday July 5th. The Courthouse and all other offices will remain open, only the judicial system in the Courthouse will close. She wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th weekend.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to recess to adjourn at noon. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to recess. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.


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Presiding Commissioner


Monte Fenner
Southern Commissioner


Stephanie Gooden
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Minutes Certified by:


Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk

