

Wednesday August 14, 2024

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.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2024 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. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6557 in the amount of \$176,824.16 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6558 in the amount of \$32,475.23 for 941 taxes, and order #6559 in the amount of \$4,020.91 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.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6560 in the amount of \$16,903.13 for the July 2024 CERF collections and order #6561 for a proposition to voters to be placed on the November ballot. The ballot question would read "Shall the County of Saline exempt senior citizens aged 62 and older from increases in the property tax liability due on such senior citizens' primary residence?" 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.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented two temporary liquor licenses for the Shopping Under the Sun event for Dizzy Blender/\$13 and AiBottling/\$13. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted a request to hire Ashlyn Robbins for a part-time position in the Communications Division. Her rate of pay will be \$17 per hour. Her start date is set for August 4, 2024. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Quill Endeavors submitted a request to use the northwest lawn of the Courthouse for kids' games on Saturday September 7, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the request. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Becky Plattner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner stated that the Commission received a thank you letter from the Marshall Cultural Council for allowing the use of the Courthouse lawn for their Shopping Under the Sun event.

The Saline County Republican Committee submitted a request to use the large courtroom of the Courthouse for their reorganization meeting on Tuesday August 20, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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.

Stephanie Gooden reported that she attended a NACo (National Association of Counties) Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting on Monday. Topics discussed were the increase in agri crimes, the bird flu, and saving rural hospitals. She also attended the Sweet Springs Council meeting on Monday and discussed things that are happening around the county. She announced that the Commission received the notice to proceed on the 245th Rd. bridge. Funds for the bridge were obligated on August 13, 2024. Construction is expected to start in the Fall of this year and finish in 2026.

Monte Fenner stated that the Commission signed an agreement with their engineer, Rich Rhodes, concerning Mount Olive bridge last week. The estimated cost of replacing the bridge is \$1,500,000. Construction is expected to start in early 2025. He announced the project to place a water line from old 40 Highway, south of the Junction, to the site of the Welcome Center was started on Friday. He also reported that he attended an MSDC

meeting the previous morning where they continue to work on a childcare facility and new housing throughout the county.

Becky Plattner reported that she attended an RHSOC (Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee) meeting the previous day at Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. It was the annual meeting to award funds from the State. She announced that the City of Marshall Fire Department was able to receive half of what they requested for ten portable radios and five repeaters, including the installation. They requested \$98,555.74 and were awarded \$49,826.91. They received the largest portion of the available funds. Available funds are less for this year than from the previous year and have been slowly decreasing over the past several years. This year's allowable funds were \$92,615.97. She also asked for a motion to take a late bid that was received from the current food service provider of the Sheriff's Department to continue the rate through the contract period under advisement. Monte Fenner made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. No other bids were received for food service for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Plattner also announced that there will be a special session on August 21st at 9:00 a.m. to open the construction bids for the Welcome Center.


Stephanie Gooden reported that the County has hired Veregy to complete the HVAC system installation at the Jail-Justice Center which is the same company that has been doing the renovation work made possible by the MO Dept. of Public Safety grant. Having the same vendor is important for maintaining the warranty and cost saving feature agreement. The insurance company issued a check for \$1,500,338 to cover the repair, cleanup and HVAC installation. Veregy has ordered the units and are expected to have them in around October.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of August. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$114,413.47. Law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$85,810.49. Use tax collected in the amount of \$116,945.72. Sunset law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$28,603.59. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$114,414.42.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the July 2024 distribution report. Collections totaled \$209,440.30 in personal property, real estate, PILT and surtax. She also stated that the annual tax sale will be held on August 26th at 10:00 a.m. There are 44 properties currently available, which is on track with the previous year. The last day to pay and register is August 23rd.


County Clerk Brittni Burton explained that the August primary election was certified on Monday. The County had a 32.07% voter turnout which is higher than normal for primary elections. There were also a lot of new voters. Her office will get the certification sent to the State by the end of the month and they are already working on the November general election, as well as working with all the entities to get their levees set so the information can be turned over to the State Auditor. Becky Plattner asked her how the new poll books were. Clerk Burton stated that there was only one poll worker that had an issue, but other than that she had good feedback about the poll books.

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


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Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk

