

Tuesday February 25, 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 11:00 am.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 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. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6625 in the amount of \$189,418.23 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6626 in the amount of \$34,297.50 for 941 taxes, and order #6627 in the amount of \$4,393.26 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.

Victim Advocate Tracy Shanahan from the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office submitted a request to extend 36.25 hours of vacation that is set to expire on February 18th. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to extend the hours until May 18th. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden presented and read ordinance 2025-0001, on commission order #006628, the Saline County Senior Real Estate Property Tax Relief Program ordinance. She stated “Number one, the tax credit authorized severability and scope. Saline County hereby authorizes a tax credit to eligible taxpayers residing in Saline County as authorized by RSMO section 137.1050 as amended and further set out herein. The provisions of this order and ordinance are severable in the event that certain provisions of RSMO section 137.1050 or this order and ordinance are declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions of the order and ordinance can be severed and read in such a way as to give continued effect to the remaining provisions of RSMO section 137.1050, or this order and ordinance shall so be read. Section C, nothing in this order or ordinance shall be construed to authorize or require the issuance of any refunds of property taxes paid prior to the effective date of this order or ordinance. D, nothing in this order or ordinance shall be read to relieve the taxpayers of obligation to pay the tax liability for those ad valorem taxes specifically excepted or excluded from this tax credit program. Section two, the definitions. Applicable taxing jurisdictions. All taxing entities or district levying ad valorem taxes in Saline County except those set out as exceptions and exclusions. B, eligible tax credit amount. The difference between an eligible taxpayers real property tax liability on such taxpayer’s homestead for a given tax year minus, the property tax liability on such homestead in the eligible taxpayers initial credit year. C, eligible taxpayer. Is a Saline County, Missouri resident who is 62 years or older, is an owner of record of a homestead or has legal or equitable interest in such property as evidenced by written instrument and subsection three, is liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead. Section D, homestead. Is a real property actually occupied by an eligible taxpayer as their primary residence. An eligible taxpayer shall not claim more than one primary residence. A homestead shall consist of the primary residence and up to five acres, or the certified homestead as provided by the Saline County Assessor’s office. E, initial credit year. The year that the taxpayer became an eligible taxpayer which shall be no earlier than January 1 of 2024. F, tax credit. The amount equal to an eligible taxpayer’s eligible credit amount. Section three, application. An annual application for the credit shall be required from each eligible taxpayer. An eligible taxpayer shall have obtained the age of 62 before January 1st of their initial credit year. B, the Saline County Collector in cooperation with other impacted elected officials shall create an application and application process that will allow eligible taxpayers to apply for a senior tax credit. C, said application shall require a notarized signature affirming to the truth of the matters represented in said application. D, any false statement, fraudulent statement, or misrepresentation of a fact material for the purpose of obtaining or receiving a tax credit for the homestead identified in this certification/application/affidavit made herein may result in a misdemeanor or felony charges as stated in sections 575.040, 575.060, 570.408, 570.140, 570.095, or 575.050 RSMOs. Number four, exceptions and exclusions. The credit authorized herein shall not extend to the following ad valorem levies. The state blind pension fund or levies related to any and all voter approved bonded indebtedness from any taxing entity. B, new construction. If an eligible taxpayer makes a new construction and improvements to such taxpayer’s homestead the real property tax liability for the taxpayer’s initial credit year shall be increased to reflect the real property tax liability attributable to such new construction and improvements. C, annexation. If an eligible taxpayer’s homestead is annexed into a taxing jurisdiction to which such eligible taxpayer did not owe real property tax in the eligible taxpayer’s initial credit year, then the real property tax liability for the taxpayer’s initial credit year shall be increased to reflect the real property tax liability owed to the annexing taxing jurisdiction. Section five, tax credit to be noted on tax bill and applicable to taxing jurisdictions. Section A, the amount of the tax credit shall be noted on statements of tax due sent to the eligible taxpayer by the County Collector. B, the amount of credits authorized by this order and ordinance shall be reported to the applicable taxing jurisdiction by the County Collector. Section six, implementation. The County and each of its elected officials is authorized and

empowered to adopt such rules and procedures as reasonably necessary to carry out and implement the provisions of the order and ordinance and to develop and require such documents, applications, and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to permit the application for the tax credit authorized herein to be processed accurately and to carry out, comply with, and to perform the provisions set forth within this order and ordinance. So now on this day the County Commission of Saline does hereby adopt a real estate property tax relief program as set out in the attached order and ordinance of text which is incorporated herein by reference.” Commissioner Gooden announced that copies of the ordinance will be available once it is signed. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve of the ordinance as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the ordinance. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Collector Cindi Sims stated she has received just over 1,350 requests for applications for the tax credit, which will be mailed out the next day. Her office will start taking applications on Monday March 3rd due to the 1st being on a Saturday. Applications will also be available in her office on March 3rd and can be turned in to her office or the Treasurer’s office. It is a one page application that will need to be notarized, and lists the required documents to be presented with the application. Applications will also be available online on the County’s website, along with Frequently Asked Questions. She stated that there may be a way to submit the applications online in the future and she has a conference call with the software company to discuss that, but she’s not sure it will not be available by the March 1st deadline.

Recorder Jessica Baker stated that the ownership document requested for the tax credit is usually a warranty deed or a quit claim deed showing ownership, and copies can be picked up in the Recorder’s office.

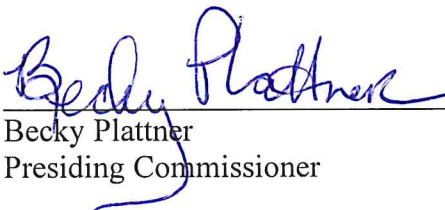
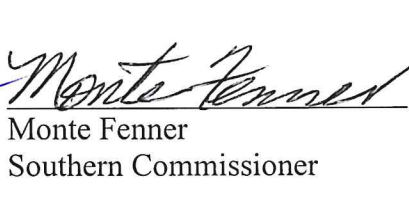

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented Emergency Management contracts for Sweet Springs, Miami, and Slater. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the agreements as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Clerk Burton announced that absentee voting for the April election started today. ADA equipment and curbside voting is available. If voting by curbside, please call the Clerk’s office to inform them of the vehicle you are in. The call has also gone out to election workers the previous day so she is starting to fill those positions. This election she is trying split shifts with the poll workers as long as coverage is available. Head Judges are required by law to work the whole day. Two polling locations have been closed for the April election. The Orearville precinct will be closed due to not having any issues on the ballot, and the Blackwater precinct will be closed due to only having 11 eligible voters. She also announced that the County financial statement is coming along well. The inserts are in the Sweet Spring Herald and will be published by March 1st. Hard copies will be available in her office and the Courthouse rotunda.

Monte Fenner reported that the final inspection of the Melody Avenue bridge was on February 17th and the repairs were approved. He announced that the Nitrogen Avenue overpass, which is just east of Hwy J on I-70, is scheduled to be demolished in May. When it is demolished, it will impact 10-12 families with only one way out from their property. He visited with two landowners to try and get a temporary road out in case of an emergency, but it was not viable. After a discussion with MODOT about the situation, MODOT agreed that the current overpass will stay in place and a new overpass will be built to either the east or the west so citizens will not be isolated. He also stated that Love’s is doing core sampling at the Junction where their new truck stop will be.

Becky Plattner announced that the Commission will be attending CCAM (County Commissioners of Missouri) training from February 26th to February 28th.

Stephanie Gooden reported that broadband efforts continue, in order to expand broadband in Saline County. The Commission signed a letter of support with Como Connect who is applying for financial assistance through the BEAD program. They needed a letter of support to continue their efforts of expansion in the county. The Commission has also been in contact with Comcast who is considering strengthening their presence and making a new presence in the county for fiber internet.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:20 am. Monte Fenner made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

		
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Minutes Certified by:


Brittni Allison Burton County Clerk