

Thursday June 20, 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 June 5, 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 #6541 in the amount of \$174,346.19 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6542 in the amount of \$31,880.10 for 941 taxes, and order #6543 in the amount of \$3,969.08 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the payroll commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6544 in the amount of \$17,877.41 for the May 2024 transfer of CERF collections, order #6545 in the amount of \$375,000 for the second quarter transfer to the Jail-Justice Center, to line item 35-98-4097-00, and order #6546 in the amount of \$5,000 to add postage to the county postage machine. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented liquor licenses for Bingham’s LLC in Arrow Rock/\$256, Margarita’s Mexican Cuisine in Slater/\$506, Mel’s Quick Stop and Diner in Malta Bend/\$303, Holiday Lanes in Marshall/\$13, The Brick LLC DBA The Brick BBQ in Marshall/\$53, Liquor Studio in Marshall/\$306, Slater Quick Stop in Slater/\$306, and GKR in Marshall/\$306. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the liquor licenses as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted requests to hire Joseph D. Campbell, Joshua Stemmons, and Thomas Hoey for full-time positions in the Road Division contingent on their graduation from law enforcement academy and Missouri POST licensure. Their rate of pay will be \$20.75 per hour with an annual uniform allowance of \$1,200. Joseph D. Campbell’s and Joshua Stemmons’ first day is set for June 10, 2024. Thomas Hoey’s first day is set for June 17, 2024. Sheriff Mullins also submitted a request to hire Justin Smith for a part-time position in the Road Division. His rate of pay will be \$21 per hour and his start date is set for June 6, 2024. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept all four new hires. Monte Fenner made a motion to accept all four new hires. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Deputy David E. Taylor submitted a vacation extension request to extend 56 hours of vacation for 90 days from his anniversary date of July 6<sup>th</sup>. The extended hours will expire on October 6, 2024. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the 90-day extension. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden announced there will be a special session the next day at ten in the morning for a discussion of the County’s Hazardous Mitigation Plan with Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. She explained that the plan is not due for another two years, but they are doing a kick-off to talk about the plan with the Commission. The plan renews every five years.

Becky Plattner reported that there was an emergency situation on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the air conditioning units at the Jail-Justice Center. The County had to rent nine A/C units for the health and safety of the employees and inmates due to the extreme temperatures. The permanent A/C units have yet to be replaced due to the process with the insurance company and the adjusters since the fire. Becky asked that it be made a matter of the minutes that an emergency decision was made with the vote of yes from all three Commissioners to rent the units for the Jail-Justice Center.

Bids were opened for the Sheriff’s Department. Bids were let and advertised for inmate food service, snow removal, and vehicle maintenance for vehicles not under warranty. One bid was received. BBL Auto Express in

Marshall submitted a bid for oil and air filter changes. Becky Plattner made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden stated that she attended a Solid Waste Region F meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> where the board reviewed grant applications and selected the applications to be awarded funds. She reported that the Commission had a virtual meeting with WSKF Architects about the difference in the bids versus budgeted cost of the Welcome Center at the Junction. It was an informational meeting in which modifications were presented to reduce construction costs. Some options included removing the metal edging around the sidewalk to save \$46,000, lowering the building one foot three inches to save \$50,000 in railings and \$50,000 in sidewalks and foundation, using plugs instead of quarts for landscaping would save \$20,000, eliminating some trees would save \$60,000, using a mat service instead of built-in floor grates would save \$12,000, eliminating a trash enclosure would save \$30,000, and eliminating a family restroom would save \$10,000. These were just some cost saving measures that the architect found as to why the bids were higher than expected. No decisions were made, it was just informational. The architect also stated that each year there was a 24% inflation. Commissioner Gooden also reported that she attended a Marshall Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> as well as the Chamber awards banquet where she was able to present the award for Citizen of the Year, and she went to Sweet Springs to help the City with LPA on MODOT road improvements.

Monte Fenner stated that he attended an MSDC meeting on Tuesday of the previous week, as well as, on Thursday all three Commissioners attended the West Central Commissioners Association quarterly meeting at Benton County in Warsaw. 16 of the 20 counties in the Association were represented for the meeting.

Becky Plattner reported that the Commission has reviewed the draft audit from the County's annual outside audit performed by Gerding, Korte and Chitwood in Boonville. She stated, "I have reviewed and proposed adjusting journal entries to convert the cash basis trial balance of Saline County, Missouri for the year ended December 31, 2023 to the modified cash basis of the County used for the audit report." She asked for permission to sign the draft audit report. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the signing of the draft audit report. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Commissioner Plattner also asked that it be made a matter of the minutes the acceptance of the conveyance of a quit-claim deed. Monte Fenner explained that when new roads are requested by the County to be added to MODOT maintenance, the County has to accept the same mileage of old MODOT roads for the County to maintain. MODOT will maintain the new turn lanes at the US 65 and I-70 Junction and the County will be responsible for maintaining the old MODOT road on the NW corner of the Junction that goes back to the County's Common Road District. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve of the quit-claim deed. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Commissioner Plattner gave an update on the lagoon at the Junction stating that the Commission received an email from their engineer, Rich Rhodes, that they are waiting on a report from MO Dept. of Natural Resources to be able to move forward on the design. She stated that the repairs to the Courthouse roof will start the second week of July. Scaffolding will begin to be set up next week. She also gave an update on the Jail-Justice Center renovation. She stated that the County is waiting on the insurance adjusters.

County Clerk Brittni Burton announced that Board of Equalization filings are due by July 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM with the meetings starting July 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be picked up in the County Clerk's Office or are online at the County Clerk's website. She stated that for the upcoming election, the military and overseas portal will be open starting this weekend. Absentee voting for the August 6<sup>th</sup> primary election begins next Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>. She is needing 46 election judges for the primary election. Some head judge positions are still open along with the regular poll worker positions. She also announced that the Secretary of State, John Ashcroft, will be in her office at 4:15 PM for a meet and greet which is open to the public.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of June. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$134,839.07. Law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$101,129.08. Use tax collected in the amount of \$82,778.97. Sunset law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$33,696.78. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$134,787.55.


Collector Cindi Sims said that she was in the middle of this year's tax sale. It will be held the fourth Monday in August. Certified mail went out this week to approximately 160 parcels. The last day to pay to not be published is June 28, 2024 in her office or dropped in the drop box; payments cannot be made online for tax sale properties.

Citizen Tom Ward asked for clarification on the capital improvements at the Junction of US 65 and I-70. He asked if it was being funded by an economic development tax. Monte Fenner replied yes. Tom Ward asked if within the statute, that allowed the County to pass a countywide economic development tax and proportion some of the money back to some of the cities within the County. Becky Plattner asked if he would like to review the ballot language that was used to pass the voter-approved economic development tax. He replied yes. He also asked, regarding the lagoon, if the County intends to be the permit holder for it. Becky Plattner replied that their engineer and advisor on the project will let them know what they need to do. Tom Ward asked if the water tower at the Junction is being used at the moment to maintain a public water district. Becky Plattner replied that it is not needed yet because the water that is being used is sufficient for the amount of customers that are there. Tom Ward asked if the tank was in use. Monte Fenner replied no, it is not. Tom Ward asked "so the water tower is not being used to provide system pressure?" Monte Fenner replied that was correct. Tom Ward asked if there was water in the storage tank. Monte Fenner replied that there was not. Tom Ward asked if the Commission has considered the depreciation and wear and tear on the tank that has been sitting there since 2021 and the amount of damage that would be done to the water tower. Becky Plattner replied that the County has engineers and specialists who provide information on how to take care of the water tower. Monte Fenner explained that the Commission was informed in the past that if the water tower was filled, the water would need to be turned over in five days or the water would become stale and it would need to be dumped. So with the customer base at the moment, they are furnished with the line that is currently going to all four corners of the Junction. When businesses come in that would use 25,000 to 30,000 gallons a day, then the water would turn over in the five day period. Tom Ward asked if the take was a 250,000-gallon tank. Monte Fenner replied yes. Tom Ward asked if the County had a plan to recoup any of the cost from people coming in and setting up shop, like a Flying J or a Love's Petroleum, for an impact fee, so the County can recoup some of the money spent on the infrastructure at the Junction. Monte Fenner replied that the Commission has not addressed that yet. Tom Ward asked if they were aware of it. Monte Fenner replied no. Tom Ward asked who the engineering company was for the water and sewer at the Junction. Monte Fenner told him it is Rhodes Engineering. Tom Ward asked for the contact information. Monte Fenner replied that he would give Tom the engineer's phone number. Tom Ward said he would appreciate it and thanked them. Monte Fenner thanked him for coming in.

Auditor Karlin Breshears announced that the draft was received from the outside audit and the County received a very good report. She stated that once the signed copy gets back to the outside auditors, she will receive the original final copies which will be hardbound as well as electronic. If anyone would like a copy of the audit, please contact her office and she can provide it to them. She thanked all the offices for their hard work in getting the documentation together and all the documents are back in her office and can be picked up at the office holder's convenience.

Becky Plattner gave a reminder there would be a special session the next day at 10:00 AM to discuss the hazardous mitigation plan that is renewed every five years.


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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Presiding Commissioner

  
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Minutes Certified by:

  
Allison Burton  
County Clerk