

Wednesday February 27, 2024

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

Stephanie Gooden called the meeting to order.

Stephanie Gooden stated the minutes were approved from the February 14, 2024 session.

Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve a payment schedule. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6504 in the amount of \$172,870.21 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6505 in the amount of \$31,962.87 for 941 taxes, and order #6506 in the amount of \$3,938.74 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented a liquor license for The Garage Hangout in Sweet Springs/\$128. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the license as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden reported that the Commission attended several FFA breakfasts to celebrate FFA. She stated the Commission wanted to say “thank you” to the students who are achieving their degrees and for participating in the FFA program, and to the advisors for their help and assistance. She stated it is a great program for Saline County and it was an honor to attend the breakfasts and be served by the kids. She commented that the Commission will be attending the annual, mandatory training from the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM) starting the next day and going through the end of the week.

Monte Fenner stated broadband continues to go across the County. Stephanie Gooden explained that Round Two is soon to start. Marshall Municipal Utilities (MMU) has completed Round One of the USDA Reconnect and the contract has been awarded for the conduit for Round Two. She stated that someone from MMU will attend the following meeting to explain how broadband is progressing in Saline County. Monte explained that Round One was a two-mile radius, Round Two will be a five-mile radius, and predicts that broadband will be at the Junction by late Summer 2024.


Stephanie Gooden explained that the Commission had the privilege of swearing in the new MU Extension officers the previous night. She expressed a “thank you” to the Extension Council for serving and promoting all that the Extension does, including 4-H, Livestock, and Agriculture. Monte Fenner explained that in the past, there have been two meetings, the Annual Extension Meeting and Century Farms. He stated that with there being fewer Century Farms, the meetings will be combined starting in February 2025.

County Clerk Brittni Burton explained that absentee voting for the April election has started and can be done until April 1st. The “No Excuse” absentee voting period will begin on March 19th and up until that date, voters will have to provide a reason for submitting an absentee ballot. She asks that all voters please bring a valid form of identification at the time of voting. A list of acceptable IDs can be found on the Secretary of State’s website, or the Saline County Clerk’s website. Brittni announced that her office will be performing curbside voting again this year. She stated if someone is unable to make it to the polls and is wanting to absentee vote, they are welcome to come to the office and an employee will come out to their car to assist them with voting. She asks that for anyone wanting to participate in curbside voting, to please call the office when they arrive and provide the vehicle they are in. She stated that the last day to register to vote for the April election is March 6th and she is also needing election judges.

Auditor Karlin Breshears explained that she will be getting information out to office holders soon about the annual, outside audit. She has received document requests from Gerding, Korte and Chitwood so she will be pulling documentation and getting it sent to them, as well as getting a date set for the audit. She explained that they will provide available dates within May and June to perform the audit.

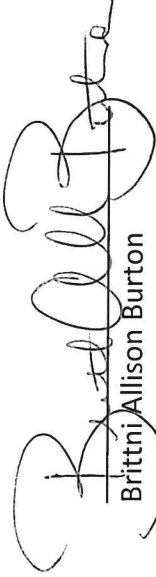
Stephanie Gooden asked for a motion to recess to adjourn at noon. Monte Fenner made a motion to recess. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.


Becky Plattner
Presiding Commissioner


Monte Fenner
Southern Commissioner


Stephanie Gooden
Northern Commissioner

Minutes Certified by:


Brittini Allison Burton
County Clerk

