

Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Akey called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present Eastern Commissioner Jonathan Abbott – present Western Commissioner Rex Hibler – absent Also present- Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Commissioner Abbott moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Abbott-yes The motion passed.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge met with commissioners to report they are working to repair Lincoln Road. They also discussed the hay at Little Otter Creek.

Melissa Poje with Road & Bridge brought in bids from Davidson Tree Care, LLC for brush removal on properties: Hamilton Twsp, Section 28, NW Barwick Dr & NW Harrison Rd and Hamilton Twsp, Section 29, NW Barwick Dr. Commissioner Abbott moved to accept the bids on both properties. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Abbott-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes. The motion passed.

Serah Okechukwu and Cristi Thomas with Birch Creek Developers met with commissioners to discuss the Adelite solar project based in Hamilton. They discussed holding a public meeting to explain the details of the project to Caldwell County citizens.

Commissioners met with Larry Chipman to discuss ARPA applications.

Commissioner Abbott moved to approve ARPA application #47. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Abbott-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes. The motion passed.

It was also discussed that the clerk should send a letter to ARPA grant recipients to remind them they must send all receipts to the Caldwell County Clerk before December 31, 2023, as stated in the contract they signed when they received their ARPA funds.

Commissioners participated in a Zoom call with Allstate to discuss Little Otter Creek updates.

Commissioners met with a Caldwell County citizen who had complaints about his property assessment. He was informed that he would need to schedule an appointment with the Board of Equalization to discuss this.

Commissioners met with Eric Kratzberg and Katie Schmidt with McBride Lock & Associates to discuss the audit that was underway for the county for the years 2020 and 2021.

Commissioners discussed the Lawn View cemetery in Polo with Assessor Beverly Alden, Collector/Treasurer Beth Larkins, Emergency Management Director Mark Merrill, and Sheriff Mitch Allen. It was noted that the cemetery was not state owned and therefore a state statute indicates the cemetery would be owned by the county. Commissioners decided to consult an attorney to get clarification on this matter.

Commissioner Abbott moved to go into closed session per RSMo 610.021 to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Abbott-yes. The motion passed. CLOSED SESSION: Sheriff Mitch Allen

Commissioner Abbott moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Abbott-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners called Mickie Cummings to discuss dust control on NE Sunset Road.

Commissioners called Paula McCoy to discuss a complaint about the speed of trucks on her road.

Commissioners returned a call and left a message for Bryce Mitchell to discuss the Lawn View cemetery property.

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The courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in observance of the Independence Day holiday, therefore the commissioners next meeting will be on Thursday, July 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

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Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner

Jonathan Abbott, Eastern Commissioner