

# **Caldwell County Commission**

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# CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Akey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. ROLL CALL

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present Western District Commissioner Rex Hibler – present Eastern District Commissioner Randy Howell - present Also Present – Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

# 4. AGENDA

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Akey, Commissioner Hibler and Commissioner Howell voted in favor. The motion passed.

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

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge who reported they were still working on the box culvert on Jefferson.

Bids were open to mow, rake, and bale hay ground at Little Otter Creek. One bid was received from Stoney Lane Farms for \$35 per bale for 5'x6' net wrap with a buy back quote of \$47 per bale.

Commissioner Howell moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

Mark Merrill and the commission discussed the April 10, 2025, Planning & Zoning meeting. Mark reported that he would be going to the Federal Courthouse to look for chairs and desks for the county.

Bud Motsinger and Bob Hughes reported on the plan for a butterfly trail and pollinators at Little Otter Creek. They discussed the condition of Old Highway 36 and reported they had a meeting scheduled with MODOT to discuss a possible plan or solution for the highway. They

also discussed a Route 56 bike trail. The commission expressed safety concerns with the plan for the Route 56 bike trail.

Adam Thomas with AT Solutions discussed dismantling and removing the piano on the second floor and moving a filing table to that area.

Tracy Bowen with the Assessors office discussed the maps that were being stored in the filing table on the second floor.

Serah Okechukwu from Birch Creek called to give an update on the solar farm in Hamilton. She will stop calling weekly and start calling once a month with updates.

Chris Bowen, chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board discussed the vacant position of the Planning & Zoning Coordinator. Chris agreed to answer Planning & Zoning calls and emails for a short time while they hire someone to fill the coordinator position. Larry Chipman joined the discussion giving his opinion on the vacant position and how it should be filled. The commission will advertise the position in the Caldwell County News, on the county Facebook page and the county website.

Sheriff Mitch Allen and Jessica Farmer from Caldwell County Detention Center met with the commission to discuss the CCDC budget. Jessica presented the commission a 2025 first quarter revenue report.

Commissioners agreed to continue the agreement with BHS for a two-year renewal at the current rate.

Commissioners approved a request from Dave Robison to have a National Day of Prayer event on the courthouse lawn on May 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner

Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner