

## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present

Western District Commissioner Rex Hibler – present

Eastern District Commissioner Randy Howell - present

Also Present - Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

Bud Motsinger, Citizen

#### **AGENDA**

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

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

Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed the weekly invoices, authorizing them for payment.

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management Director presented a brief report to the Commission regarding his activities the past month. He discussed the 2026 budget as well as the salary grant for Emergency Management.

Stephanie Henry, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported on a meeting she attended with Waste Water Management. She expressed a desire to attend additional water/septic training and to attend upcoming pipeline meetings. She noted that she has issued 37 permits since assuming the role of Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Mike Brown, Christa Horne, and Bob Hughes were on the Commission agenda to address the increase in 2025 commercial taxes in the city of Hamilton. They were joined by several other county citizens and business owners. Bob Hughes requested that the Board of Equalization be reopened. Jamy Aubrey, Secretary to the Board of Equalization, noted that under state statute, the Board of Equalization cannot be reopened until July of the following year. Mr. Hughes disagreed with that interpretation. Commissioner Akey and Commissioner Howell agreed to sign a letter to the State Tax Commission requesting that the Board of Equalization be reopened. The letter will be drafted by Mr. Hughes and brought to the Commission on Thursday for signatures. It was suggested by a business owner in attendance that the county consider an Administrative Courtesy to give commercial business owners to pay their tax bill in two installments and waive any associated penalties.

Jeff Campbell, Road & Bridge Supervisor along with Jon Moore and Brian Ortiz of Wilson & Company, met with the Commission to discuss the CPKC Corridor Safety Improvement Plan, which is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2026.

Jeff Campbell further reported that the beans at Little Otter Creek had been combined.

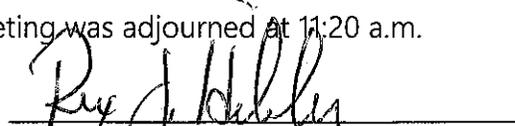
Commissioners reviewed the proposed holiday schedule. Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the 2026 holiday schedule. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners met with courthouse security guards regarding the judges' policy prohibiting cell phones in the courtroom. Security guards will be asking individuals appearing in court to return their phones to their vehicles. The county will not be responsible for holding cell phones.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

  
Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

  
Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner

  
Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

  
Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

