



## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

#### **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

Clerk Jamy Aubrey – present

Bud Motsinger, Citizen - present

#### **AGENDA**

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

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management Director met with the Commission to discuss his resignation of employment with the County, effective January 23, 2025. Mark turned in passwords and lock combinations and provided an update on ongoing Emergency Management bills.

Stephanie Henry, Planning & Zoning Coordinator provided an update on revisions to the Planning & Zoning Ordinances and reported that she is organizing the current ordinance book. She also stated that she had registered for septic inspection training.

At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was relocated to the second-floor courtroom due to the number of individuals attending the budget hearing.

At 9:05 a.m., Presiding Commissioner Akey called the 2026 Budget Hearing to order. Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk distributed copies of the budget message which included the summaries of the General Revenue, Road & Bridge, and Assessment Funds, to those in attendance. Copies of the proposed budget were available for public review. Commissioner Akey read the budget message, and the hearing was opened for public comment. No questions or comments were received.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the 2026 Budget. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Hibler moved to close the 2026 Budget Hearing. 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 invoices, authorizing them for payment.

Representatives from NRCS and Allstate met with the Commission in the courtroom to discuss the upcoming bidding process for the Little Otter Creek project. Bud Motsinger, citizen, was also in attendance. All individuals present signed the sign-in sheet.

Commissioner Hibler moved to go into a closed session to discuss legal matters, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under RSMo Section 610.021. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed. Bud Motsinger left the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

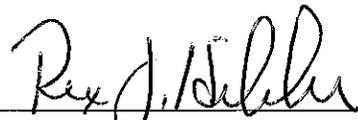
Commissioner Hibler moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

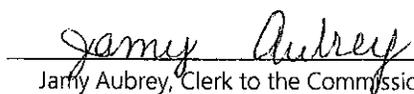
With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



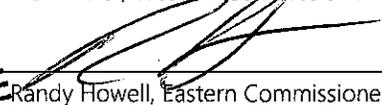
Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner



Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner



Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission



Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

