

## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, December 02, 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

#### **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 Akey 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.

Mitch Allen, Sheriff, Rich Smith, Jessica Farmer, and Irene Parker with the Caldwell County Detention Center met with the Commissioners to give a financial update on the Detention Center. It was noted that the government shut down caused September and October payments from the US Marshals to be late, but they should be sent soon. Sheriff Allen reported that Waylon Puckett will be transferring to Road & Bridge in 2026. Jessica Farmer shared that she has been working on documentation needed for the renegotiation of the inmate per diem rates contract with the U.S. Marshals. The 2025 budget and year end expenses were discussed. Sheriff Allen stated that he had turned in the 2026 budget proposals for review.

Commissioner Howell moved to go into a closed session to discuss personnel 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 Section 610.021 RSMo, subsection (3).

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

#### CLOSED SESSION

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

At 10:00 the Commission conducted a bid opening for courthouse repairs. Only one bid of \$39,650 was received from AT Solutions.

Commissioner Howell moved to accept the bid from AT Solutions for courthouse repairs and improvements. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Adam Thomas with AT Solutions discussed the installation of the windows and window wells in the courthouse basement. He reported that the propane and electrical lines will need to be moved in order to install the window wells.

Commissioner Hibler moved to accept option 2 of the MK Custom Masonry quote of \$11,500 to remove loose/deteriorated mortar and patch holes in the basement walls and coat the walls to seal them and have them ready for paint. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

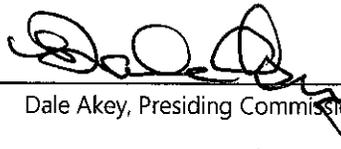
Commissioners took a call from a concerned citizen about a possible Class D felony in the county. They referred the caller to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from a county citizen praising courthouse personnel and requesting they be given the Friday after Christmas off for the hard work they do. After some discussion, it was decided that request would not be granted but were grateful that the citizen took the time to write the letter.

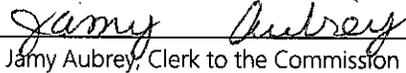
Commissioners took a call from Serah Okechukwu from Birch Creek Development. Ms. Okechukwu reported that construction of the solar farm in Hamilton was complete. They would be conducting a witness test on December 03, 2025. Birch Creek is working with Gilmore & Bell (county counsel) to set a hearing date for Chapter 100 Bonds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

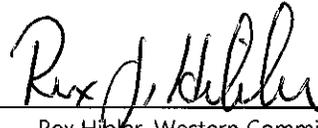
With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner



Jany Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission



Rex Hiler, Western Commissioner



Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

