



Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 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

Also Present – Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

Mark Merrill, Citizen

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 Howell moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Hibler 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.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the pooled cash report.

Tracy Bowen, Assessor, discussed Birch Creek and the solar farm assessment sheet. The Commission will contact Birch Creek to schedule a discussion and provide an update.

Jeff Campbell, Road & Bridge Supervisor discussed brush clearing at Little Otter Creek. He stated that the final bridge inspection on James Drive would be completed today. Jeff reported an incident involving a Road & Bridge pickup truck, with an estimated repair cost of \$11,500. After discussion of the damage, the Commission recommended replacing the taillight and bumper, with the remaining damage and need for additional repairs to be

assessed at a later time. Jeff and the Commission also discussed farming at Little Otter Creek again this year.

Two bid proposals for the County 2024 and 2025 financial audit were received: Williams-Keepers LLC for \$80,000 and McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC for \$33,000. Both bids were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Howell moved to accept the bid from McBride, Lock, & Associates as the lowest and best bid. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners signed MODOT progress invoice BRO-013(003) No. 5 and BRO-013(43) No. 18. Commissioners also signed NRCS No. 32-FPAC request for final payment.

Commissioners reviewed and approved a Question & Answer informational document to distribute to the public explaining the Senate Bill 3 mandated county question that will appear on the April 2026 ballot. The Commission requested the information be posted on the County website and published in the Caldwell County News.

After reviewing an email from Brenda McClesky, New York Township Clerk advising of the resignation of Carla Webb, Township Trustee and the townships' board request to appoint Keith Wycoff to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Howell moved to appoint Keith Wycoff as New York Township Trustee to fulfill the remainder of Ms. Webb's term. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Presiding Commissioner signed Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Great Rivers Engineering.

Commissioner Howell moved to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo, and to close all records and votes, to the extent of the law. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Members of the public present left the meeting room during the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Members of the public reentered the meeting.

Commissioners spoke by phone to Will Railsback, Caldwell County Ambulance Director. Mr. Railsback discussed concerns regarding inmates housed at the Caldwell County Detention

Center from Livingston County and Jackson County who are transported from CCDC to the hospital and are not paying for ambulance services. Commissioners will discuss this matter with Sheriff Mitch Allen

Michael Marriot with MoDOT met with the Commission to discuss sections of Old Highway 13 that have been closed for several years and the process of transferring those sections to adjacent landowners.

The Commission agreed to advertise for bids for mowing, trimming, and blowing sidewalks at the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office, as well as a maximum biweekly mowing around the house and outbuildings at Little Otter Creek. Bids will be opened on March 26th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission




Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner