



Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 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 Howell 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. 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.

Stephanie Henry, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to present a rezoning request to change property classification from agriculture to residential. The request was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board and required final approval by the Commission. Following review, the Commission approved the rezoning, and Commissioner Akey signed the rezoning permit. Additional discussion was held regarding other potential rezoning requests within the county.

The Commission contacted Lori Moore with the Department of Health Services to discuss a certified letter related to sewer inspections in the county. Ms. Moore indicated she would conduct further research and follow up with Stephanie Henry, Planning & Zoning Coordinator later that day.

The Commission discussed participation in the Northwest Roundtable to be held in Cameron. The annual participation fee is \$250. The Commission approved payment of the fee. Commissioner Akey would attend the initial meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Tracy Bowen, Assessor, joined the meeting to participate in a call from Serah Okechukwu, Associate Project Development Manager at Birch Creek Energy regarding the assessment of the solar farm and to inquire about Chapter 100 Bonds. Ms. Okechukwu stated that the Solar Farm assessment sheet would be provided to the Assessor's office this week. She further advised that the solar farm in Caldwell County is expected to be operational by the end of the week, and that plans to proceed with the Chapter 100 Bond remain in place.

An email from the Missouri Department of Public Safety was reviewed and discussed. The Commission noted that upon the installation of a hardwired light in the elevator machine room, they will contact the elevator inspector to determine the next steps required to obtain a State Operating Certificate.

Sheriff Mitch Allen presented information regarding the Blue Shield Grant and requested Commission approval and signature from the Presiding Commissioner for the pre-application. A contract for housing Pleasant Valley inmates at the Caldwell County Detention Center (CCDC) was also presented, reviewed and approved by Commission.

Will Railsback, Caldwell County Ambulance Director, met with the Commission and Sheriff Allen to discuss outstanding invoices for ambulance services provided to inmates. A detailed discussion was held regarding options to address the outstanding balances without placing undue financial burden on the detention center. Sheriff Allen agreed to designate \$1.00 per inmate, per day, for inmates housed from other jurisdictions to offset ambulance service costs at CCDC. The Clerk's office and the Collector's office will coordinate implementation within the county's software system to ensure accurate tracking of related revenues and expenses.

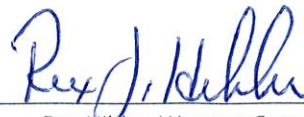
Commissioners Hibler and Howell will attend the Northwest Commissioner Meeting in Atchison County on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner



Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner



Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

