



## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday, March 31, 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 Howell moved to amend the posted agenda to include a Closed Session to discuss legal matters. 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 approve the amended 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. 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.

Commissioners signed Progress Invoice BRO-013(003) No. 6 NE New York Bridge over Shoal Creek.

Sheriff Mitch Allen, Rich Smith and Jessica Farmer with the Caldwell County Detention Center (CCDC) presented a report to the Commission, providing updates on detention center operations. The Commission also discussed services provided by the Caldwell County Ambulance District to inmates housed at CCDC.

Sheriff Allen presented a contract for the housing of inmates for the City of Claycomo. The agreement establishes a housing rate of \$100 per inmate per day at the Caldwell County Detention Center. The Commission reviewed the agreement, and Presiding Commissioner Akey signed the contract.

Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge joined the meeting for the purpose of opening bids for a motor grader. The bids were opened and read as follows:

Foley Equipment - \$110,000, Murphy Tractor - \$117,000, \$109,000 \$195,000, \$150,000, and \$105,000. Each bid was reviewed and discussed. No award was given at this time. Prior to making a final determination Road & Bridge will further evaluate the bid differences and discuss what best fits the needs of the department. Jeff also reported plans to replace a culvert on Ridgeway Road and noted that a box culvert for JC Penny Drive has been delivered. Additionally, discussion was held regarding modifying bridge approach slopes from a 2:1 ratio to a 3:1 ratio.

Commissioner Howell moved to accept a quote in the amount of \$11,000 from Amos Schwartz for enclosing the end of an existing building at the Road & Bridge department. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Howell and Commissioner Akey voted in favor. The motion passed.

Rebecca TenHulzen with Green Hills Regional Planning Commission met with the Commission to provide quarterly updates on the Planning Commission. Rebecca also noted that she had been contacted by New York Township needing assistance with road maintenance.

Lauren Danner, Administrator for the City of Hamilton, met with the Commission to request access to the County's GIS mapping system. Assessor Tracy Bowen and Hamilton Mayor Cole Crawford were present for this discussion. The Commission indicated that the determination regarding access falls under the authority of the Assessor, as it is within her department. It was further noted that the request would be considered; however, approval is unlikely due to prior instances of misuse of access.

Commissioner Howell moved to enter closed session to discuss legal matters, pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo, and to close all records and votes, to the extent of the law. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed. Mark Merrill left the meeting room during the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT


With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

  
Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner

  
Jany Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission



  
Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner