



Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 09, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Commissioner Akey called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present

Western District Commissioner Rex Hibler – present

Eastern District Commissioner Randy Howell – arrived 8:25

Also Present – Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

Mark Merrill, Citizen

AGENDA

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. Commissioner Hibler and Commissioner Akey voted in favor. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. Commissioner Akey-yea Commissioner Hibler-yea. The motion carried.

At 8:03 a.m. Commissioner Akey 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-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-absent. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Hibler moved to exit closed session. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Hibler moved to enter closed session to discuss the sale of real estate, pursuant to Section 610.021(2) RSMo, and to close all records and votes, to the extent of the law. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:21 a.m. Commissioner Hibler moved to exit closed session. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

Mitch Allen, Sheriff reported on the ongoing negotiations to amend the contract for housing federal inmates. The proposed terms include a guard rate of \$28.89 per hour and a per diem rate of \$103.37 per inmate, per day. The revised contract is anticipated to take effect May 1, 2026, pending final approval.

Sheriff Allen reported that CCDC located a cost-effective vehicle at State Surplus for \$23,295. Commissioner Akey signed the documentation for the purchase of that vehicle to be used by the Caldwell County Detention Center.

Sheriff Allen and the Commission discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Caldwell County Ambulance District and the Caldwell County Detention Center. Commissioner Howell will contact the Ambulance District Director to further discuss a potential MOU.

Tracy Bowen, Assessor discussed the Solar Farm in Hamilton and Chapter 100 Bonds.

At 10:01 a.m. 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 Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Howell moved to exit closed session. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer, was present for the bid opening for new Collector software. One bid was received from MO Tax Flow. Beth reported that she and Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk have attended presentations on MO Tax Flow, noting that the system has successfully implemented SB190 and is prepared to implement SB3 within

its program.

Commissioner Howell moved to accept the bid from MO Tax Flow. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer discussed 2025 taxes paid under protest and reported that she has been served with legal actions by two taxpayers. Tracy Bowen, Assessor, reported receiving communication from the State Tax Commission (STC) indicating that taxpayers representing eleven parcels have filed appeals with the STC. The Commission advised consultation with the County Attorney for guidance and representation.

The Commission discussed correspondence from New York Township regarding the appointment of Whitney Hossman as Township Clerk following the resignation of Brenda McClesky. Commissioner Howell moved to appoint Whitney Hossman as New York Township Clerk. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

Following the resignation of Joann Wilson from the Senior Services Board at their last meeting, the Commission discussed potential replacements from Grant Township. The board acknowledged and expressed appreciation for Joan's years of service.

Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk reported that a quote is being obtained for repairs to the ceiling in the Clerk's vault.

Jeff Campbell, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed the County recycling program and reported that he is applying for a grant to continue the program. Commissioner Akey signed the Solid Waste Grant application for a new recycling trailer. Commissioners Akey, Howell, and Hibler approved and signed a contract with Hope Haven Recycling and Commitment of Service.

Commissioners directed Jeff to contact B&M Septic to clean the septic tank at the Little Otter Creek house.

Lindsey Chaffin and Ezekiel Patterson with Great Rivers Engineering presented plans for BRO-013(002) on Lida Road with an estimated cost is \$662,000. Commissioner Akey signed plans, LPA certification, and a right-of-way acquisition letter.

Commissioners reviewed, approved, and signed invoices, authorizing them for payment.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the pooled cash report.

The Commission reported that Commissioners Akey and Hibler attended a meeting on April 7, 2026, hosted by Allstate Consultants in Marcelline regarding the Little Otter Creek project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner


Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission


Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

