



Caldwell County Commission

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MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed and initialed the pooled cash report.

Sheriff Mitch Allen and Major April Melte-Kirkendoll provided an update regarding the lease agreement for the new fleet of vehicles, which are expected to be delivered soon. The Commission expressed interest in purchasing two Sheriff's Office vehicles for County use. Major Melte-Kirkendoll also discussed the Blue Shield grant pre-application process.

Jeff Campbell, Road & Bridge Supervisor, addressed a complaint regarding road conditions on Sale Barn Road. Jeff reported that they inspected the tube and found no issues. Discussion was held regarding the 2025 Federal Bridge Program, which would allow the County to select two additional bridges for repair utilizing available MoDOT funding. Jeff Campbell further reported that the replacement tube for Des Moines Road had been delivered and that the new Road & Bridge grader had been picked up.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer, presented Senior Tax Credit (SB190) applications to the Commission for review.

Mark Merrill left the meeting prior to the Commission entering closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:45 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 Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

CLOSED

At 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Howell moved to exit the closed session. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yea; Commissioner Hibler-yea; Commissioner Howell-yea. The motion carried.

Mark Merrill returned to the meeting.

Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk/Budget Officer, presented a proposed budget amendment for the fiscal year 2026 County Budget, LEPC Fund. Jamy explained that the amendment was necessary due to the receipt of \$4,000 in unanticipated 2025 revenue that had not been budgeted. The amendment would appropriate the funds to LEPC expenditures for distribution to the LEPC Committee.

The Commission reviewed invoices presented for payment. Approval of claims is evidenced by the signature of one Commissioner and the initials of the remaining two Commissioners on each invoice. Supporting documentation is maintained on file in the County Clerk's office.

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Commissioners signed Progress Invoice No. 7 for BRO-R013(003) NE New York Road Bridge.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner




Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission


Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner