



Caldwell County Commission

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MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 19, 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 AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed and initialed the pooled cash report.

Stephanie Henry, Planning & Zoning Administrator met with the Commission to discuss the solar farm ordinance. She also reported that concerns had been raised by county residents regarding the current zoning ordinance requirement of five acres with interest expressed in increasing the requirement to twenty acres.

Nicole Lund, Sheriff's Office Administrator/911 Addressing Coordinator, discussed the need to establish a new address point for delivery services and 911 emergency response on Cottonwood Road. Upon approval by the Commission, Cottonwood Road will extend from NE Ridge Way Road through to NE Jefferson Drive, and the new address point will be established.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer and Tracy Bowen, Assessor discussed the Senior Tax Credit (SB190) Ordinance and eligibility requirements. The ordinance requires applicants to be 62 years of age by January 1 of the application year. Two applications were received from individuals who were 62 years of age at the time of application but had not reached the required age by January 1. Based on the ordinance requirements, the applications will be denied. The applicants will be eligible to apply in 2027.

Tracy Bowen, Assessor requested input of the Commission regarding businesses that failed to submit assessment sheets, which were due March 31, 2026. She reported that phone calls had been made and reminder letters sent with no response. Beth Larkins also noted that a business within the county had not obtained a required business license. Discussion followed regarding penalties associated with noncompliance related to both business licensing requirements and delinquent assessment filings.

The Commission contacted Megan Miller, Attorney with Gilmore & Bell to request an update regarding the documentation from Birch Creek Development related to Chapter 100 Bonds.

The Commission contacted Melissa Poje at Road & Bridge to discuss signs requested for Anderson Park.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Howell moved to enter closed session to discuss personnel, 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

Commissioner Hibler moved to exit the 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.

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.

Commissioners reviewed and initialed the pooled cash report.

Commissioners signed Progress Invoice No.11 for BRO-R013(002) Lida Road Bridge.

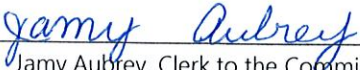
The Commission reviewed Senior Tax Credit (SB190) applications that had previously been reviewed by the Collector/Treasurer and Assessor. Applications are presented to the

Commission on an ongoing basis as they are received and processed. Each Commissioner reviews and initials applications as part of the approval/denial process.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission




Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner