

Wednesday November 8, 2023

Name	Position	Present	Quorum
Becky Plattner	Presiding Commissioner	Yes	Yes
Monte Fenner	Southern Commissioner	Yes	
Stephanie Gooden	Northern Commissioner	Yes	

Becky Plattner deferred the running of the meeting to Stephanie Gooden and Monte Fenner due to a hoarse voice. Stephanie Gooden called the meeting to order.

Stephanie Gooden stated the minutes from the September 27, 2023 session were reviewed and asked for a motion to approve. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden asked for a presentation of a payment schedule. A final number could not be presented due to the process of inputting last minute purchase orders. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to pre-approve the payment schedule. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6461 in the amount of \$152,366.10 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6465 in the amount of \$27,635.54 for 941 taxes, order #6466 in the amount of \$3,497.16 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Stephanie Gooden asked for a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner made a motion. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6467 as a letter of destruction requested by Circuit Judge Dennis Rolf's office. Items requesting to be destroyed are an IBM wheelwriter 30 typewriter and a copier. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6468 on behalf of Auditor Karlin Breshears for the 4th quarter transfer of funds in the amount of \$400,000 to the Jail-Justice Center to aid in annual expenses. Funds will be transferred from 10-35-5018-00 to 35-98-4097-00. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6469 on behalf of Auditor Karlin Breshears for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$80,000 from 10-35-5068-00 to 32-15-4741-00. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6470 on behalf of Jared Brewer for the 2022-2023 fines and forfeitures in the amount of \$224,856.34. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the commission order as presented. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner made a motion to approve a 12-month auctioneer license for Brenton Fowler in the amount of \$50. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner presented a 90-day vacation extension request from Cody Cowart of the Road and Bridge department. He is requesting an extension on 28.17 hours of vacation with a new expiration date of February 4, 2024. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted a request to hire Kelsey Lawson for a full-time position in the Communications Division. Her start date is set for November 13, 2023 and her rate of pay will be \$15 per hour. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the transfer of Joaquin Cubero from the Prosecuting Attorney's office to the Emergency Management Department effective November 1, 2023 with no change in his rate of pay. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the transfer of Kandi Knipmeyer from the Auditor's office to the Prosecuting Attorney's office effective November 1, 2023 with a new rate of pay at \$19.82 per hour. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner stated the MU Extension will be holding their annual Recognition Night on Thursday November 16, 2023 at the Martin Community Center for the presentation of Century Farms. Two new farms will be recognized as Saline County Century Farms recipients.

Monte Fenner stated a request had been submitted for use of the Courthouse by American Legion Post #558. Stephen Olsen, Adjutant of Malta Bend Memorial Post 558 requested use of the south lawn for a Veteran’s Day ceremony on November 10, 2023. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the request. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner stated they had an appointment to the TAC (Transportation Advisory Council) board at Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. He commented that there are approximately 6 members on the board that have been appointed from Saline County. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the appointment of Jim Wiseman. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner announced that there is another appointment to the TAC board at Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the appointment of Cindy Shroeder. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Monte Fenner presented an appointment of Becky Plattner to the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission board as the Saline County Small City Representative. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve the appointment. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Becky Plattner abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Circuit Clerk Becky Uhlich gave an update on marijuana expungements. She stated her office was awarded special funding on February 10, 2023, to aid in the completion of the project in the amount of \$23,839.03 and/or 1034 hours. She announced that the courts were given a deadline of December 8, 2023 and her office was able to complete the expungements on October 31, 2023. She stated they were under budget on funds, only using \$21,441.60, but were over budget on the hours, having used 1130 hours. Over 5,700 records were reviewed, and 2,532 records were expunged. She stated there will be more cases that will be eligible for expungement when the time requirement has been met. \$176,048.91 worth of costs and fines were written off due to the expungements.

Recorder Jesscia Baker announced her office sold 19 marriage licenses and recorded 262 documents for the month of October. They have also back indexed 2,138 documents and put them online. She stated that a few weeks ago a professor from Missouri Valley College brought her Principles of Real Estate students into the office to see what the Recorder of Deeds does and toured the records vault.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of November. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$110,865.03. Law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$83,148.64. Use tax collected in the amount of \$61,331.85. Sunset law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$27,709.13. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$110,794.53.

Collector Cindi Sims presented the October 2023 distribution report. Collections totaled \$93,417.11 in personal property, real estate and surtax. She stated tax bills should go in the mail on Friday November 10th. Her office distributed \$150,000 worth of escrow payments that were received for the 2023 tax year and those receipts or bills for any remainder due would be in the mail today, November 8th.

Auditor Karlin Breshears reported that budget worksheets have been distributed to office holders and stated that if anyone has any questions or needs additional information or reports regarding their budget to contact her office.


Monte Fenner explained that the State Treasurer Vivek Malek visited Saline County the previous week and met with several of the elected officials. One of the main things he spoke about was the “MOBUCKS” program. Monte Fenner stated it is an old program that was initiated about 40 years ago and is now refunded and has been restarted this year. During his visit, Treasurer Malek stated the State of Missouri has \$800 million appropriated for the program which helps small businesses and farmers. Monte Fenner stated if you would like a lower interest rate on your loan, to contact your lender who can walk you through the process to get a lower rate. At times, the “MOBUCKS” program can save about 30% of the interest.

Monte Fenner made a motion to recess to adjourn at noon. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.


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Presiding Commissioner

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Minutes Certified by:

Brittni Allison Burton
County Clerk

