

Wednesday December 20, 2023

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

Becky Plattner called the meeting to order.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 session. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve a payment schedule. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6482 in the amount of \$152,724.19 for a cash transfer of payroll, order #6483 in the amount of \$27,281.91 for 941 taxes, and order #6484 in the amount of \$3,594.14 for CERF .7% and elective savings. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the commission orders as presented. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented commission order #6485 in the amount of \$14,838.88 for the electronic transfer of November 2023 CERF collections. 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 a liquor license for Garage Hangout in Sweet Springs/\$78. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

County Clerk Brittni Burton presented November 2023 additions and abatements. Personal Property additions totaled \$95,152.93. Personal Property abatements totaled \$15,887.96. Real estate additions totaled \$22,178.14. Real estate abatements totaled \$4,238.15. Total County additions were \$117,331.07. Total County abatements were \$20,126.11.

Becky Plattner read a request from Deputy Auditor Summer McBryar to extend 27 hours of vacation time for 90 days. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner read a request from Victim Advocate Tracy Shanahan to extend 36.25 hours of vacation time for 90 days. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Stephanie Gooden presented a renewal of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) user agreement with Saint Louis County Public Health. In addition, she asked for the Commission to approve of the State's acceptance of the historical data from the Saint Louis PDMP in an effort to move to the State PDMP. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve of the renewal and the move of the historical data to the State. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Becky Plattner presented a grant award for the Emergency Management Department in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the licensing on their Salamander badging system. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to accept the grant. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted a request to hire Amy Hand to fill a full-time position in the Road Division. Her start date was set for December 8, 2023 and her rate of pay will be \$18.75 per hour with an annual uniform allowance of \$1,200. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins submitted a request to hire Dan Gerlach to fill a full-time position in the Jail Division. His start date is set for December 19, 2023 and his rate of pay will be \$17 per hour with an annual uniform allowance of \$600. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve the new hire. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins presented a commission order to propose a ballot measure on the April 2, 2024 election to extend the 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent Law Enforcement sales tax that sunsets in September 2024, which was approved by voters in 2017. The sales tax would be made permanent and is used for the operation and maintenance of the Jail-Justice Center. The description on the ballot would read "Shall the County of Saline impose an additional countywide sales tax of 1/8<sup>th</sup> of 1 percent for the purpose of providing law enforcement services for the operation and maintenance of the Saline County Justice Facility." Stephanie Gooden commented that it is a renewal, and the County could use it as the repairs are very costly. If approved, the Law Enforcement sales tax would be capped at the maximum allowed by

State statute. Monte Fenner made a motion to approve of the measure being put on the ballot in April 2024. Stephanie Gooden seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Auditor Karlin Breshears submitted the 2024 Payroll and Payment Schedule. Becky Plattner asked for a motion to approve. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to approve the payment schedule. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0. Auditor Breshears commented there are two days that are different from the regular schedule due to holidays that fall on Wednesday. Those Wednesday dates have been moved to Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> due to Truman’s birthday, and Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> due to Juneteenth.

Stephanie Gooden reported she attended the Region F Solid Waste Management meeting last Wednesday, November 29, 2023. She stated there will be an announcement for a grant round coming soon, as well as they are working on the countywide cleanup. They are looking at a day in April or possibly May 2024.

Monte Fenner stated the Paw Paw Trail bridge and the Mount Olive bridge have been fortunate enough to have been approved for MODOT’s BRO program for replacement. Paw Paw Trail bridge was closed about six years ago and Mount Olive bridge was closed in 2023. The Paw Paw Trail bridge is scheduled to be built in 2024 and the Mount Olive bridge is scheduled to be built in 2025. The cost of both bridges will be approximately \$2.5 million. When they are complete, Saline County will have built 9 BRO bridges and 7 smaller bridges in house, for a total of 16 bridges in 14 years. The County is also finishing up the Jail-Justice Center renovation for a total cost of \$3.6 million. The Welcome Center at the US 65 and I-70 Junction is scheduled to be built next year for an estimated cost of \$3.2 million, and the Junction sewer project is scheduled to be completed next year for approximately \$1.7 million. The County has a total of \$11 million in projects that are expected to be completed in the next two years.

Sheriff Cindi Mullins gave an update on the Jail-Justice Center renovation. She reported that the floors and showers in the jail are completed. The update to the heating and cooling system is in progress. There are new ceilings in the administration wing. All the plumbing is done in the jail and all the inmates have been moved back from outside the County, except two that are conflict inmates that would have been housed out of County anyway. Doors and locks are expected in February or March, which once installed, would complete the renovation project. She stated in person visitation has resumed.

Auditor Karlin Breshears asked for a pre-approval of an end-of-year payment schedule for any bills that need to be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Stephanie Gooden made a motion to pre-approve a special payment schedule. Monte Fenner seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Treasurer Jared Brewer gave a report on the various sales taxes received for the month of November. Sales tax collected in the amount of \$113,435.93. Law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$85,076.90. Use tax collected in the amount of \$89,394.35. Sunset law enforcement tax collected in the amount of \$28,356.19. Economic development tax collected in the amount of \$113,383.41.

County Clerk Brittnei Burton stated that she received the MAC (Missouri Association of Counties) service awards. Certificate recipients include Kathy Austin for 20 years of service, Sheryl Hager for 5 years of service, Troy Johnston for 5 years of service, Rodney Moore for 20 years of service, Miguel Salmeron for 5 years of service, Penny Shannon for 5 years of service, and Eddie Taylor for 5 years of service.

Becky Plattner said that the Commission is busy working on the 2024 budget and is expected in January to be able to give a set date of when the budget will be laid in the County Clerk’s office for presentation to the public. Monte Fenner gave a “thank you” to all the elected officials for turning in their budgets on time and working with Auditor Karlin Breshears, as well as thanking Karlin for all her hard work at this time of year.

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

  
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