



## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Akey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Presiding Commissioner Akey – present  
Western Commissioner Hibler – present  
Eastern Commissioner Abbott – arrived at 9:00  
Also Present – Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the May 09, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Abbott-yes. The motion passed.

#### **5. REGULAR AGENDA**

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge to discuss terraces that are washing out College Road. Old highway 13 was also discussed. Jeff reported they would be cleaning out ditches on Price Drive and Jersey Road.

Mark Merrill with Emergency Management/Planning & Zoning discussed ownership of the Red Cross trailer. They discussed Little Otter Creek Lake authority. Mark gave an update on last week's Planning & Zoning meeting.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer presented a 2024 Outlaw Personal Property Tax report to the commission. The commission gave their permission to outlaw the unpaid 2018, 2019, and 2020 personal property tax statements totaling \$13,167.80, the county portion of this amount is \$479.00. A certified copy of the order was signed by the commissioners.

Commissioners met with Sheriff Mitch Allen to discuss a grant for patrol car brush guards in the amount of \$12,929 of which the county would pay \$3,000 and \$9929.00 would be reimbursed through the grant. Medical insurance for the Caldwell County Detention Center was discussed. Sheriff Allen informed the commissioners of the need to change providers as well as a significant, unforeseen increase in cost. Commissioner Abbott moved to give Sheriff Allen consent to send a letter to terminate the current contract with ACH and send a letter to Turn Key to initiate a contract for services. Acknowledging that this will significantly increase the monthly payment which was not budgeted for. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Abbott-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners returned a phone call to Teresa Price to discuss an altercation that her son was involved in at Caldwell County Detention Center and the medical bills that resulted in that altercation.

Commissioners met with Terry Rumery to discuss economic development in the county.

Commissioners called Serah Okechukwu to get an update on the Solar Farm. Construction will not start this year. Serah agreed to call the commission once a month to give weekly updates on the project.

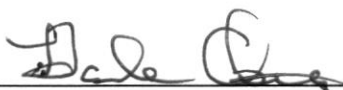
Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk spoke to the Commission about ARPA funds in the amount of \$26,500 that were awarded to LEST in 2022 and not spent. The commissioners agreed the funds should be credited back to ARPA from LEST.

Commissioners interviewed 2 people for the courthouse custodian position.

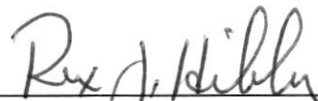
The commission will be advertising to mow, rake, and bale the hay at Little Otter Creek. The bid opening will be June 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner



Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner



Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission



Nathan Abbott, Eastern Commissioner