



## **Caldwell County Commission**

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present  
Western Commissioner Rex Hibler – present  
Eastern Commissioner Jonathan Abbott – absent

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. Both Commissioner Akey and Commissioner Hibler voted in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Akey moved to approve the December 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge who reported they are working on the aluminum box culvert on Jefferson. He also stated that an invoice was received for harvesting the crops at Little Otter Creek. Melissa Poje joined the meeting.

Commissioner Hibler moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsection (3). Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Hibler moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management/Planning & Zoning to discuss an insurance claim for the courthouse roof damage and a grant for storm siren upgrades. They discussed 2025 budgets for Planning & Zoning and Emergency Management. Adam Thomas discussed courthouse projects and gave quotes: Stabilize Floors \$10,500, Box in Elevator Controls - \$1,980, Flooring for Clerk's Office & Commissioner's Room - \$12,800 for both, Concrete in Old Boiler Room - \$25,000.

Commissioners met with Sheriff Mitch Allen. Commissioner Hibler moved to go into closed session to discuss legal matters, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsection (1). Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Akey moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

Terry Rumery met with commissioners to discuss Economic Development for the county.

Commissioners met with Julie Hill, Recorder. Commissioner Hibler moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsection (3). Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

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Due to a shortfall in LEST revenue with decreased federal inmates, an unexpected major increase in inmate health care and a need to move dispatch from Caldwell County to the City of Cameron, the commission agreed to use ARPA funds to supplement the revenue shortfall. Commissioner Hibler made a motion to move the remaining ARPA funds to LEST. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akey. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes.

Chelsea Corkin, Theresa Fordyce, and Cheryl Corbin with MU Extension met with the commission to discuss the 2025 budget for the extension office.

Melinda Nyquist from the recorder's office met with commissioners. Commissioner Hibler moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsection (3).

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

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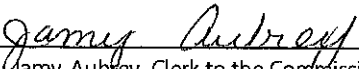
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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

  
Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

  
Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner

  
Jany Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

Jonathan Abbott, Eastern Commissioner

