

## **Caldwell County Commission**

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### **CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, January 07, 2025

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

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

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – present

Western Commissioner Rex Hibler – present

Eastern Commissioner Randy Howell – present

Also Present- Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

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

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

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

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes, Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

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

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge who reported the pollinator plots at Little Otter Creek have been reseeded. Jeff also noted that the Road & Bridge trailer he had ordered was finished and ready to be picked up. The 2025 budget for Road & Bridge was discussed.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer, met with the commission to give an update on a lawsuit that had been filed in conjunction with taxes paid under protest.

Brady Kopek, Prosecuting Attorney, Margaret Evans with Child Support Division, and David Hershberger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, met with commissioners to discuss the Child Support grant and the 2025 budget. It was noted that the Child Support staff had not received a cost-of-living salary increase in years and there needed to be an increase to bring them to at least minimum wage. The cost of the increase would be shared with the five counties they serve (Livingston, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Caldwell). Prosecutor Kopek will contact the five counties with the cost to each county and get approval to give the raises to bring the full-time staff position to \$16 per hour and the part-time staff position to \$13 per hour.

Commissioners met with Sheriff Mitch Allen and Jessica Farmer, CCDC Assistant Warden to discuss the Law Enforcement Sales Tax budget for 2025.

A grant policy for Caldwell County was presented by County Clerk, Jamy Aubrey. The details of the policy were discussed. It was noted that adopting the policy would help ensure the county effectively manages grant funding and is accurately reporting those funds. Adopting the policy will minimize the risk of audit findings in the future. Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the Caldwell County Grant Policy. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes, Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

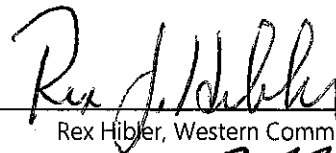
Commissioners met with Brady Kopek, Prosecuting Attorney, to discuss his 2025 budget proposals.

#### ADJOURNMENT

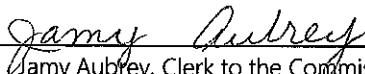
With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner



Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner



Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission



Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

