

Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 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 District Commissioner Rex Hibler – present

Eastern District Commissioner Randy Howell - present

Also Present – Jamy Aubrey, Clerk

4. AGENDA

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

Commissioner Hibler 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.

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell and Melissa Poje with Road & Bridge to discuss county road signs that needed to be replaced. Melissa presented a quote of \$1,893.97 to purchase a new machine to make road signs. The machine is compatible with Windows 10 & 11. The commission approved the purchase. Melissa will order it. They also discussed getting a quote to repair and update the Road & Bridge office.

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management Director met with commissioners. Presiding Commissioner Akey signed a contract for Salamander, an electronic ID system, and a storm siren update grant.

Todd Joe and Katie Joe with John Joe Insurance met with the commission with an update on the health insurance for county employees.

Commissioners participated in a conference call with Kurt Hellmann with Brightspeed to discuss the possibility of a grant for a broadband initiative in Caldwell County.

Commissioners met with Terry Rumery to discuss Economic Development for the county. With this being the last meeting of contracted services with Rumery & Associates, the commission thanked Mr. Rumery for his service over the years.

Richard Lee met with Commissioners to discuss the Public Administrator position and the anticipated appointment for a new Public Administrator.

Beth Larkins presented a semi-annual treasurer's report. The report was reviewed and signed by the commission.

Commissioner Howell moved to sign Court Order 2025-01-28 to transfer \$250,000 from General Revenue to LEST per 2025 budget and Court Order 2025-01-28-02 to transfer \$100,000 from General Revenue to LEST per 2025 budget. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners signed MODOT reimbursement requests for BRO-RO13(42) Quarry Drive and BRO-BO13(43) Dillon Drive.

Beverly Alden, Assessor and Tracy Bowen met with the commission to discuss a letter from the State Tax Commission concerning the state mandated raise in taxes.

Julie Hill, Recorder met with the commission to announce her retirement effective April 30, 2025.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Hibler moved to go into a 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 Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:50 a.m., 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; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

County Clerk, Jamy Aubrey reported that the county sales tax will expire in 2025 and will need to be put on the April 2025 ballot. The question reads: Shall the county of Caldwell impose a county wide sales tax at the rate of one-half of one percent for a

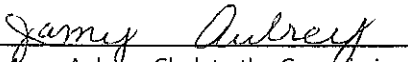
period of four (4) years from the date on which such tax is first imposed for the purpose of purchase of gravel to be used for roads, distributed between each township of the county based on the number of miles of gravel road? THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX IS A CONTINUATION OF THE ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON APRIL 6, 2021 FOR FOUR YEARS, FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR YEARS OF 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029.

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the ballot language as read by Jamy Aubrey, County Clerk for 0.5 percent County Capital Improvements tax that will be placed on the ballot for voters of Caldwell County on April 8, 2025. Commissioner Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes. The motion passed.

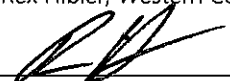
5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission


Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner

