

Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

It was noted that Presiding Commissioner Akey was not in attendance because he was attending Great Northwest Days in Jefferson City. In Commissioner Akey's absence, Commissioner Howell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Presiding Commissioner Dale Akey – absent 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 Hibler and Commissioner Howell voted in favor. The motion passed.

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

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell and Melissa Poje with Road & Bridge. They discussed and revised the county brush letter. Melissa reported the new sign machine had been received. She set it up and is learning how to operate it. Jeff recommended the county buy soft match credits. Commissioner Howell moved to buy \$200,000 of soft match credits for \$120,000. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management Director met with commissioners. Mark reported the FEMA grants are still in effect. They discussed Text Caster and how to sign up for it.

Kim Hopkins met with the commission to discuss Senate Bill 190 and Senate Bill 756. The commission expressed concerns about the clarity of the bill and how to implement it. They also noted concerns that other Caldwell County entities would lose revenue if an ordinance was passed, and they would need to be informed. Ms. Hopkins suggested the commission hold a public meeting to discuss the bill with citizens and entities in the county. She stated that she had been in contact with Representative Mazzie Christensen to get clarification on Senate Bill 756. She will contact Representative Christensen and invite her to attend a meeting in Caldwell County to answer questions citizens of the county might have. Ms. Hopkins was asked to contact the County Clerk's office when she received a response and possible dates for the meeting from Representative Christensen.

The commission returned a phone call from Jason Knight to answer questions about a permit for doing electrical work at the solar farm in Hamilton.

Commissioners met with Sheriff Mitch Allen to discuss invoices to be paid.

At 11:20 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 Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed. CLOSED SESSION

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Howell moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner

Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission

Randy Howell Eastern Commissioner

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