

Caldwell County Commission

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CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 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 Howell moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Hibler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Hibler-yes, Commissioner Howell-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioners met with Jeff Campbell with Road & Bridge who stated they had been working on some ditch projects. A bid notice for culverts and crushed stone will be published. The bid opening will be on March 4, 2025. Jeff also reported that MODOT had awarded funding for the Shoal Creek Bridge project.

Bob Witmer, Maintenance Coordinator reported that the gas leaf blower needed to be replaced. The commissioners approved purchasing a new battery-operated leaf blower. The water damage from a boiler malfunctioned was discussed. Bob reported that it had all been dried out.

Mark Merrill, Emergency Management Director, reported he was working on grants. Presiding Commissioner signed a form for a FEMA grant.

Eric Stevens, Planning & Zoning Director, discussed items on the agenda for the upcoming Planning & Zoning Meeting. Eric also reported that he would be going to FEMA training in March and discussed possibly going to a septic system installer training which would also be in March. An application was reviewed for a new Planning & Zoning board member.

Commissioner Hibler moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Winkie to the Planning & Zoning board, as the Breckenridge township representative. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Hibler-yes, Commissioner Howell-yes; Commissioner Akey-yes. The motion passed.

Beau Clinton, a representative with Foley Equipment in Chillicothe met with the commission to introduce himself and give an overview of their products and services.

Tracy Bowen and Beverly Alden, Assessor reported that they were working to update and reset the passwords for Integrity GIS mapping system. The same policy used to protect passwords to the courthouse employee entrance will be implemented for the mapping system as well.

Beth Larkins, Collector/Treasurer, Beverly Alden, Assessor and Tracy Bowen met with commissioners to discuss Senate Bill 190.

Commissioners received a phone call from Sareh Okechukwu with Birch Creek who stated tree clearing on the solar project is expected to start on March 3, 2025. Commissioner Hibler requested that communication with the commission with requested documents be sent via email as the commission was not able to access documents in the data room where she indicated they could be found.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Howell 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 Akey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Akey-yes; Commissioner Hibler-yes; Commissioner Howell-yes. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

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


Ashley Greenwood, Chris Shoe, and Tony Figg met with the commission to discuss a BEAD grant application by Green Hills Telephone Communication to provide funding to build more fiber-optic broadband connectivity in rural Caldwell County. The commission offered to write a letter to express their support.

Richard Lee discussed the Public Administrator position after his retirement. It was noted that the county is still waiting for Governor Kehoe to appoint someone to the position.

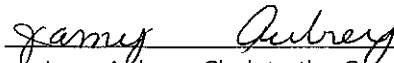
The commission called Attorney Padraic Corcoran to discuss the Little Otter Creek project.

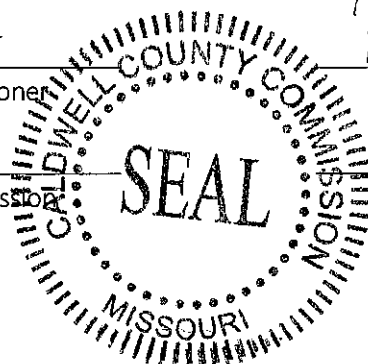
5. ADJOURNMENT

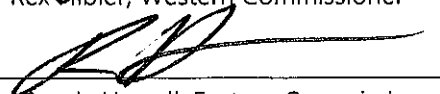
With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.


Dale Akey, Presiding Commissioner


Rex Hibler, Western Commissioner


Jamy Aubrey, Clerk to the Commission




Randy Howell, Eastern Commissioner