

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 02/15/2024

The Camden County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Ike Skelton, First District Commissioner James Gohagan, and Second District Commissioner Don Williams.

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve today's agenda. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session opened at 10:11 A.M.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (February 8, 2024). Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Williams (aye).

New Business

Discuss and Possibly Adopt County Homeschool Resolution- Commissioner Skelton read Resolution 02152024 aloud and opened the floor to comments, questions, and/or concerns. No parties present spoke at this time. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve and adopt this resolution. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

(See the resolution language on the next page)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

NOW ON THIS 15th day of February, 2024 the County Commission for Camden County, Missouri met in regular session to discuss, review and formally adopt this Resolution regarding Home Schooling.

WHEREUPON, on Motion duly made, seconded and passed, the following Resolution was adopted:

We believe in the fundamental right of Parents to raise their children according to the convictions of their family and faith, to be the primary authority to determine and direct the nurturing, health care, Education, guidance, discipline, and moral upbringing of their children, including the ability to Home School, free of burdensome government regulations and recognized government funded school choice inherently adds regulations which impede on the rights of Homes Schools.

We reject any effort by Legislators to initiate or expand any form of government funded Home Schooling, including, but not limited to, vouchers, empowerment scholarship accounts, educational savings accounts, tax credits or refunds, or any other form of government filtered and/or funded Home Schools.

We support and acknowledge parent led privately funded Home Schools as the model that has made Home Schooling the fastest growing form of education in America.

We support and represent the Educational sovereignty and freedom of Home School education and protect that last true bastion of educational freedom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Camden County Commission hereby adopts the above, and that this Resolution shall be effective immediately from and after the date first above written.

End of Resolution Language

Review and Approve 2023 Annual Settlement for Publication- There was discussion about whether or not it is required by state statute to publish this information in the newspaper since the Auditor's Office is required to also publish their financial report. Jeff Green, County Counselor, said he would look into it further. Commissioner Gohagan read through some of the information provided by the County Treasurer, Kendra Hicks, and opened the floor for further discussion. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to publish both reports from the Treasurer's Office and the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Williams (aye).

Old/Other Business

240125-A Sheriff Uniform Bid- There was one bid delivered via UPS in Purchasing at 9:52 A.M. the day of bid opening. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the contents of the package delivered were not known until later in the day. The Sheriff's Office has asked if they can accept the bid with the other two that were received properly by the day of bid opening. Commissioner Williams made a motion to table this issue. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Tunnel Dam Update- Commissioner Gohagan reached out to a contact with Sho-Me Electric Co-op to ask if there had been any new developments with Tunnel Dam because a news article had been published recently causing a lot of confusion for citizens of the county. There has been no new updates and it is still everyone's intent to leave the dam in place. There were no motions made on this topic.

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (Yes) and Commissioner Gohagan (Yes). Session closed at 10:53 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until Friday, February 16, 2024.

Eke Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant