

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday 06/04/2024

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Skelton made a motion to amend today's agenda to discuss other items under old/other business. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session opened at 10:00 A.M.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5-30-24. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

New Business

Natural Resource Specialist- MU Extension- Joni Harper and Hank Stelzer presented information to the commission and audience about the dwindling population of white oak trees amongst our land in Camden County. They discussed various causes and ways that landowners could assist in aiding the white oak tree population back to health. There was discussion about their working relationship with Missouri Department of Conservation and Department of Natural Resources. There were no motions made on this agenda item.

Discuss new findings through SpyGlass- vote on invoice- In April of 2024, the commission voted on the initial findings SpyGlass provided which was a savings of \$12,972.00. Since this occurred, SpyGlass found an additional \$6,239.64 in savings between the Assessor's Annex Building and the Administration Building. The new

total submitted to the Purchasing Department is an annual savings of \$19,211.64 which is due up-front. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the payment of \$19,211.64 to SpyGlass. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

May 2024 Tax Abatements- Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the May 2024 tax abatements that were tentatively approved previously by an employee of the Commission Office. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

Commissioner Skelton used privilege of the chair to call a brief recess until 11:05 A.M.

Howe Engineering- bridge bids- Shannon Howe with Howe Engineering was present to discuss the BRO Bridge Project- Camden Line Road in Decaturville. Howe Engineering advertised for these bids with MoDOT on their website. We only received one bid for this project; Shannon suspects that is because there is lots of bridge work needed completing around our state right now. The bid received is from Don Schnieders Excavating Co., Inc. Commissioner Skelton made a motion to table this acceptance of this bid until Shannon Howe and Pat Wolf could review the information submitted. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Other/Old Business

Discuss options for different county owned buildings to create more space/possible purchase of new building- Elected Officials in attendance were: Assessor- Marty McGuire, Auditor- Jimmy Laughlin, Recorder- Donnie Snelling, Clerk- Rowland Todd, Treasurer- Kendra Hicks, Collector- Teresa Murray, Public Administrator- Tom Gorseline, Presiding Commissioner- Ike Skelton, First District Commissioner- James Gohagan. Commissioner Skelton opened this topic by discussing the possibility of purchasing properties located on the “Camden

County Campus” and what that could mean for all administration offices being located on the same ground. Each Elected Official in attendance agreed that this would be beneficial and easier for our tax payers who have to visit different offices within the county. Kendra Hicks and James Gohagan both shared concern for the county taking on more debt and questioned whether that would be a good choice. Jimmy Laughlin stated that there is still money in ARPA funds that could be used toward purchases of new county buildings. The Commission also stated that there are lots of items belonging to multiples Elected Officials being housed in the old post office building that need to be thoroughly gone through so that space could potentially be renovated for more office space. There was general discussion amongst the Elected Officials, but there were no motions made on this agenda item.

Elliott Data- Commissioner Skelton said he received an email about altering the Elliott Data contract to remove the software for the new cameras. Commissioner Skelton asked Dave Richeson if he knew why the Sheriff’s Dept. would not want the new camera software updates. Dave was not able to provide a definite answer. Commissioner Skelton stated it’s his intention to keep the contract in place the way that it was signed originally.

Opioid Funds- Commissioner Skelton asked Jimmy Laughlin if there was an issue with the spending of the funds that were just approved in the budget amendment voted on last week. Rebecca from Judge Koeppen’s office messaged Commissioner Gohagan and said she hadn’t received any update since the budget amendment was discussed. Commissioner Skelton stated that Jimmy Laughlin just needed to let Rebecca know that their budget amendment was approved and they are able to spend those funds now appropriately.

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Skelton 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 Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session closed at 11:10 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

The Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant