

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 08/29/2024

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve today's agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Williams (aye). Session opened at 10:00 A.M.

Prior Minutes

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

New Business

Request for Surplus Funds- \$3,993.21- This surplus request was reviewed by Camden County Counselor and Treasurer and deemed good to pay out. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the surplus request of \$3,993.21. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Request for Surplus Funds- \$1,598.56- This surplus request was reviewed by Camden County Counselor and Treasurer and deemed good to pay out. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the surplus request of \$1,598.56. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

R&B- Corrective Asphalt Materials bill through Gallagher Asphalt- \$19,320-

Corrective Asphalt Materials is working with Gallagher Asphalt to provide an additional service to overlay roads in Camden County. This bill will be paid out of existing funds within the Road and Bridge budget. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve payment of \$19,320.00. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Williams (aye).

First Public Hearing- Speed Limit Reduction on Dry Hollow Road, Camdenton-

Commissioner Skelton opened this discussion by stating that the commission cannot make any decisions on this matter until after the third public hearing is held. He then asked if there were any parties present to speak in favor of reducing the speed limit. There were several parties in attendance in favor:

1. Lea Ann Addington- resident on Dry Hollow Road- spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit and stated enforcement of the current speed limit and laws regarding dirt bikes/UTV/ATVs on their road has been an issue for some time now. She also requested signs alerting drivers to the dangerous S-curve that her home sits between and claimed that the road is too narrow by her home that two cars can barely pass each other around the first sharp corner.
2. John Ray- resident of Westwood Drive- stated that he was in favor of reducing the speed limit but acknowledged that people don't slow down on his road (Westwood Drive) even with the posted 20 mph signs. His complaint was geared toward the juveniles that have been driving up and down all of those adjoining roads at all hours of the day and night, passing cars, and driving hazardously on county roads and state right-of-ways.
3. Mark Huddleston- resident of Dry Hollow Road- stated he was in favor of reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on the gravel portion of the road, but he claimed there are only about ten houses on the asphalt portion of that road and hardly sees any hazardous or fast driving; except for the dirt bikes and ATVs.
4. Ernie Calvert- resident of Dry Hollow Road- texted Commissioner Skelton stating he was in favor of reducing the speed limit IF there was also going to be enforcement because he believes the lack of enforcement is the real problem.

5. Shane Shadrick was present and stated he was in full support of all of the parties who spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit.

Commissioner Skelton asked if there were any parties present to speak in opposition; there were none, however the commission did receive a letter via email from a resident of Dry Hollow Road- Philip W. Cannon. See below:

Good morning.

I own 50 acres on the D Road side of Dry Hollow Rd, Turkey Ridge is my private road intersecting Dry Hollow, 3/4 of a mile from MO D.

In reference to the speed limit on Dry Hollow Road in Camden County, Missouri, I respectfully request you leave it at the current setting. The speed limit is not the problem. The lack of enforcement and personal lack of respect of the law is the problem.

There is less than minimal enforcement on our road. Kids and adults race motorcycles and atv's in the evenings and weekends. The beginning of dry hollow @ MO D has burnout marks leading onto the county road. Lack of law enforcement patrol and moral decline are the issues at hand, not the current setting of the speed limit.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Cannon
173 Turkey Ridge Dr
Camdenton,MO 65020

The second public hearing will be held September 3, 2024, and the final hearing will be held on September 5, 2024.

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 (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session closed at 10:47 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

The Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant