

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday 11/19/2024

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

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes [11-12-2024]. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

New Business

Request for a letter of support for broadband expansion- Stoutland Telephone Co.- Ken Gross with Rally Networks (Stoutland Telephone Company) was present. He stated the intent for using the letter of support is to apply for state funding for broadband expansion in rural areas around the county. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to sign the letter of support for Stoutland Telephone Company. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

(Letter of support → next page)



Missouri Office of Broadband Development: Local Coordination Template

Template letters should be filled out by an official representative of:

- The county government responsible for the project county
- Municipal governments whose jurisdiction covers a majority of BEAD-eligible locations in the area of the project.

A single letter may be associated with multiple adjacent application areas (list which are included in the support letter), provided the officials submitting the letter understand the full scope of the project and that application areas within the project may be awarded separately.

Applicant:	Stoutland Telephone Company	Project(s):	
Geography Covered:	Camden County	Local Government Submitting Letter:	Camden County

Is the local government entity contributing local matching funds to the project(s)? If so at what amount? Where do the funds come from (e.g. ARPA funds, local general revenue)? Please indicate when the funding would be available and any conditions attached to its availability or use.

Camden County is not contributing local matching funds to the project.

Please indicate your support for the project(s) in general. Specifically, please indicate:

- Any reasons this applicant would be an especially good choice to serve the area
- Any advantages specific to the applicant's plan to serve the area
- Any concerns about the applicant or the applicant's plan and what steps, if any, the applicant took to address these concerns

Our community in Camden County recognizes the critical importance of high-speed fiber broadband internet access in today's digital world. The expansion of broadband infrastructure will significantly benefit our residents by providing enhanced opportunities for education, healthcare, business, and overall quality of life. Stoutland Telephone Company has been a reliable and committed local service provider, and their proposal to extend high-speed fiber broadband to serviceable locations in our county is a vital step towards bridging the digital divide. We support Stoutland Telephone Company's application. We urge the Missouri State Broadband Office to favorably consider their application and grant the necessary funding to facilitate this critical infrastructure development.

Please Indicate your level of confidence in the applicant's plans to secure permits and complete other coordination with you (local government) necessary to complete the project. Specifically, please indicate:

- What permits, if any, are necessary from your office to complete the project and whether the applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of these requirements and a plan to meet them
- Whether the applicant has identified a member of their staff who can be contacted as questions or problems arise over the course of the project
- Whether the applicant had clearly indicated how they will otherwise communicate with and update local governments and residents while the project is underway

Stoutland Telephone Company is an existing internet service provider in Camden County. They are familiar with the counties permitting process. It is anticipated they will apply for and meet all of the required permitting necessary to complete the project.

Stoutland Telephone Company has a team of professionals available to communicate with Camden County. They have a dedicated Government Affairs Manager who provided his direct email and phone number. He is prepared to communicate, provide updates, and answer any question the county may present throughout the life of the project. As the project proceeds, project managers and construction supervisors will be assigned and cell phone numbers will be exchanged between Stoutland Telephone Company and Camden County so communication can be handled in the most expedited manner possible.

Please provide any other information the Office of Broadband Development should know about the proposed project or area.

Stoutland Telephone Company is familiar with the local conditions apparent in Camden County because they are an existing Internet Service Provider. They are experienced in deploying fiber broadband in the topology, rock, soil, and vegetation unique to Camden County. They are also prepared to operate sensitively around the built environment, historical structures, and other existing infrastructure unique to Camden County.


Local Government Signature

11-19-24
Date

2025 Holiday Schedule- Commissioner Skelton went over the proposed holiday schedule and asked for input from attending elected officials. There were no issues stated. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to adopt the 2025 Holiday Schedule as follows. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

2025 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday	January 20
Lincoln's Birthday	Wednesday	February 12
President's Day	Monday	February 17
Good Friday	Friday	April 18
Truman Day	Thursday & Friday	May 8 & 9
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26
Independence Day	Friday	July 4
Labor Day	Monday	September 1
Columbus Day	Monday	October 13
Veterans Day	Tuesday	November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday	November 27 & 28
Christmas Eve	Close at Noon Wednesday	December 24
Christmas	Thursday & Friday	December 25 & 26

Please be advised that the week of Christmas is a payroll week

Discuss cost proposed by Stiles Roofing for building repairs- The Road and Bridge South Shed roof is leaking in several spots. Stiles Roofing provided a bid for \$84,336.00 to make repairs to the existing roof. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to accept this bid for repairs to be paid out of ARPA funding contingent on availability of funds. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye). The second issue to address is the stairwell roof of the Justice Center. The proposal is for \$26,071.00. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to accept this bid for repairs to be paid out of ARPA funding contingent on availability of funds. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

Discuss purchase of property at intersection of Hwy 7 and J- In a previous closed session meeting, Commissioner Skelton offered the heirs of this property \$15,000 and have since heard a rejection to that amount. Commissioner Gohagan agreed that having this property would be an asset for road and bridge. Commissioner Skelton made a motion to officially offer the asking price of \$20,000 to be paid out of ARPA funding contingent on funds availability. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

At this time, Commissioner Skelton opened the floor for other business or comments. Stacey Robinett in the Pros. Atty's office came forward and presented an issue she had with a request to transfer funds from the Clerf fund to their bad check fund. The commission and Auditor were able to come to an understanding of how to resolve the issue. A budget amendment and certified copy of order will have to appear on an agenda meeting for vote.

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye). Session closed at 10:27 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant