

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 02/05/2026

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Gohagan motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session opened at 10:00 A.M.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 3, 2026. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Discussion of updating Road & Bridge's phone system for offices- Rex with Missouri Bell Telecom is present. He stated R&B's current phone system is twenty-five years old and has been struck by lightning multiple times. The phone system itself is so old that the only handsets he can find for it are refurbished ones, and he's finding that half of the phones he's ordering don't work, which is costing him money out of his own pocket. Another issue with the current phone system is that users cannot have their own personalized voicemails. Rex requested permission to experiment with adding a singular phone out at R&B to see if it will operate the way he's thinking, and if it does, then he'd convert their entire system over to the Admin. Building phone circuit. Commissioner Gohagan and Skelton stated he's more than welcome to experiment if it doesn't cost the County. Rex stated that when the project begins, as long as everything flows as he expects it to, he doesn't anticipate the bill being more than \$1,500.00.

2026 Missouri Bell Telecom annual contract for services – Commissioner Gohagan noted two spelling errors that needed corrected on the presented contract. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve the 2026 contract for services by Missouri Bell Telecom with the spelling corrections. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Camden County credit card policy— There was a lot of conversation between the elected officials present, administrative employees who manage credit cards for their office(s), and Johna Stanfield with Central Bank. Question about where the funds go that are generated from the revenue share feature of having Central Bank credit cards occurred. Commissioner Skelton suggested putting it in the Capital Improvements line, Commissioner Gohagan suggested putting it in a Training line, Auditor Laughlin stated he doesn't think that's a good idea because then it would affect the budget annually. Eddie in Maintenance says put the revenue share in Capital Improvements because there are always improvements to be made around Camden County property. Commissioner Skelton motioned to put the funds generated from Revenue Share into General Revenue for Capital Improvements. Commissioner Gohagan and Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion after more general conversation. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye), Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye). Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the credit card policy. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

"TCLA Funds" interest distribution policy— Discussion of where the interest earned should go for the \$473,000 cash fund occurred. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to roll the interest earned back into the cash account. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Enforcement of Ordinance 12-23-23-01— Commissioner Skelton read an email aloud from a citizen (Nancy Stewart) regarding her opposition to license plate readers. Commissioner Skelton stated after reading Ms. Stewart's email that it is

his intent to enforce this County Ordinance. Commissioner Skelton made a motion to instruct the County Attorney to proceed with civil litigation to have this Camden County Ordinance enforced and have the Plate Reader removed from Camden County. Commissioner Dougan asked Commissioner Skelton for clarification of what he's wanting to do in this situation. Commissioner Skelton stated a process must be followed starting with suing the Department of Safety and Flock for putting the LPR up in Camden County. Commissioner Dougan asked Commissioner Skelton what he thought this may cost. Commissioner Skelton stated he is unsure of what filing fees would be, but Camden County has an attorney on staff. Charlie Dickman stated filing fees would be at least \$100, and he'd handle as much of the suit he's instructed to and do his very best. Recorder Donnie Snelling requested whether the state or Flock needed to be sued; this is up for determination by the attorney, as he's not sure at this time. Commissioner Skelton rescinded his motion to make another motion to direct the County Attorney to investigate and pursue civil litigation to enforce this Camden County Ordinance. Commissioner Dougan stated his concern for causing more lawsuits against Camden County once this lawsuit begins. Commissioner Skelton does not believe the County would be on the hook for any monetary damages. There was no second to Commissioner Skelton's motion. Commissioner Gohagan spoke at this time to state he does not want to add anymore work to the County Attorney because his current workload keeps him busy as it is now. He also stated he is offended by being blind sided by this discussion, and he doesn't feel a lawsuit against the state or Flock is wise. Commissioner Dougan stated his fear for how this could affect Camden County financially. There was more back-and-forth discussion about the potential effects of this situation. Commissioner Skelton's motion ultimately died with no second.

At 11:07 A.M., Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to go into recess for fifteen minutes before the Closed Session meeting. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

At 11:24 A.M., Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to come out of recess for the Closed Session. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan and Commissioner Dougan.

At 11:24 A.M., Commissioner Dougan made a motion to enter closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye), Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Closed Session RSMO 610.021 #1 & #2

At 11:58 A.M., Commissioner Dougan made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye), Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

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 Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye). Session closed at 11:59 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

The Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant