

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday 02/10/2026

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gohagan 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 the previous meeting minutes of February 5, 2026. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Camden County UTV Ordinance and Policies – Commissioner Skelton read aloud the Camden County Ordinance 12-04-2025 regarding the allowance of UTVs on County roads. Discussion was had. Changes to the presented Ordinance were made to include changing the verbiage in section 3, letter D to reflect that the permits issued are valid for set terms of two calendar years from January 1, 20XX through December 31, 20XY, add Turn Signals to section 4, and strike letter B from section 5. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-04-2025 with the changes mentioned. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Discussion regarding where the money is to be allocated from the permit fees and fines that could be incurred. The County Counselor is to create an Order of the Commission directing the fees for the cost of acquiring the permits to remain in

Commission coffers, and any fines incurred for violation of the Ordinance will go to the Road and Bridge Department since they maintain the roads these UTVs will be driven on. Commissioner Dougan made a motion approving the Order stating the \$15 fee and \$5 notarization fee collected will be retained by the Commission and any fines collected would be allocated to the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

See Ordinance & Order beginning on the next page:

**ORDINANCE 12-04-2025 OF CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI,
REGULATING THE OPERATION OF UTILITY TERRAIN
VEHICLES (UTVs) ON COUNTY ROADWAYS**

WHEREAS, Camden County, Missouri is a county of the first classification without a charter form of government, and the Camden County Commission possesses authority under Missouri law to regulate traffic and the use of county roadways in the interest of public safety;

WHEREAS, Utility Terrain Vehicles (“UTVs”) have become increasingly common for transportation and recreation within Camden County;

WHEREAS, unregulated operation of UTVs on county roads presents potential risks to public safety, property, and traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Commission finds it necessary and appropriate to establish uniform rules governing the limited operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles on certain county roadways to protect public safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMISSION, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. **Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV):** Any motorized vehicle designed for off-highway use, having four or more wheels, a steering wheel, seating for one or more occupants, and manufactured primarily for utility or recreational purposes, and not otherwise licensed for highway use under Missouri law.
2. **County Road:** Any roadway owned, maintained, or controlled by Camden County, Missouri, excluding state highways and roads within incorporated municipalities unless otherwise authorized.
3. **Operator:** Any person driving or in actual physical control of a UTV.
4. **Permit:** A Camden County-issued authorization allowing limited operation of a UTV on designated county roads pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION AND LIMITATIONS

- A. UTVs may be operated upon designated Camden County roads only when operated in strict compliance with this Ordinance.

- B. Operation of UTVs is prohibited on:
 - 1. Any Missouri state highway;
 - 2. Any road or area specifically designated by the Camden County Commission as closed to UTV traffic.
- C. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize operation of a UTV within incorporated cities.

SECTION 3. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- A. No UTV shall be operated on a county road unless a valid Camden County UTV permit has been issued for that vehicle.
- B. Permit applications shall be made directly to the Camden County Commission.
- C. The permit fee of \$15.00 shall be established by separate order of the Camden County Commission and shall be non-refundable.
- D. A Permit shall be valid for a set period of two years from January 1st of the first year through December 31st of the second year and shall be affixed to the bumper or rear portion of the UTV so that it is easily visible from the rear.
- E. A Permit shall be accompanied by an Affidavit signed by the Applicant that the Applicant complies with all requirements of this Ordinance.
- F. There shall be a \$5.00 Notary Public Fee at the County Commission office should the Applicant choose to have a County Commission employee notarize the Applicant's Affidavit.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All permitted UTVs operated on county roads shall be equipped with:

- 1. At least one (1) headlamp and one (1) tail lamp;
- 2. Brake lights;
- 3. A working horn or audible warning device;
- 4. A rear-view mirror;
- 5. A muffler in good working order;
- 6. Turn signals
- 7. A safety flag or reflective device if required by Commission order;
- 8. Seat belts for all occupants.

SECTION 5. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. No person shall operate a UTV on a county road unless such person is at least sixteen (16) years of age and possesses a valid driver's license issued by the State of Missouri or another state.
- B. UTVs shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner, obeying all applicable traffic laws.
- C. No person shall operate an UTV while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- D. All occupants shall remain seated and properly restrained while the UTV is in motion.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE

- A. No UTV shall be permitted or operated on any county road unless the UTV is covered by a policy of liability insurance.
- B. Such insurance shall provide minimum coverage limits at least equal to the financial responsibility requirements for motor vehicles under Missouri law.
- C. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the Camden County Commission at the time of permit application and shall be carried by the operator at all times while operating the UTV and produced upon request by law enforcement.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. Violation penalty. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be fined not less than Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$225.00).
- B. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance for a second time shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be subject to the financial penalty described herein and have their UTV permit suspended for ninety (90) days.
- C. Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance for a third time shall, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt, be subject to the financial penalty described herein and have their UTV permit revoked for a period of time not less than one (1) year.

D. Any subsequent violation under this Ordinance shall result in a permanent revocation of the individual's UTV permit together with the financial penalties described herein.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Camden County Commission this 10th day of February, 2026.

CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

(Seal)

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

James Gohagan, 1st District Commissioner

Steve Dougan, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Rowland Todd, County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Charlie Dickman, County Counselor

ORDER

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of February 2026, the Camden County Commission duly adopted Ordinance 12-04-2025 of Camden County, Missouri, entitled “An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) on County Roadways”; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance establishes definitions, permitting requirements, equipment standards, operational rules, insurance requirements, and enforcement provisions governing the limited operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles on designated Camden County roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Commission finds that the implementation of said Ordinance, including the establishment of permit fees and enforcement penalties, is necessary and appropriate to protect public safety, promote orderly traffic flow, and support the maintenance of county road infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMISSION, as follows:

1. Adoption and Effect.

The provisions of Ordinance 12-04-2025 are hereby placed into full force and effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

2. Administration and Enforcement.

The Camden County Commission, County Clerk, Sheriff’s Office, County Road & Bridge Department, and all other applicable County departments and officials are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of Ordinance 12-04-2025.

3. Permit Fees and Notary Fees.

The fifteen dollar (\$15.00) UTV permit fee and the five dollar (\$5.00) Notary Public fee, as authorized by Ordinance 12-04-2025, shall inure to the benefit of the Camden County Commission and shall be deposited and accounted for in accordance with applicable County financial procedures and Missouri law.

4. Enforcement Fines.

Any fines collected as a result of enforcement of Ordinance 12-04-2025, including penalties imposed for violations thereof, shall inure for lawful purposes related to roadway maintenance, repair, and safety.

5. Permit Implementation.

The Camden County Commission authorizes the establishment of permit procedures, affidavits, administrative forms, and internal processes necessary to carry out the UTV permitting program as set forth in the Ordinance.

6. Severability.

If any portion of this Order or the Ordinance implemented hereby is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

ORDERED this 10th day of February, 2026.

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner
Camden County Commission
Camden County, Missouri

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 10:33 P.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant