

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 02/13/2025

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 amend today's agenda to discuss COMO Connect's request for a letter of support from Camden County and add discussion of communications from a Ms. Susan Burns received via email to Commissioner Skelton. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session opened at 10:02 A.M.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Wisper ISP, LLC- requesting letter of support from Camden County for grant funding- Jeff Bernth with Wisper ISP, LLC was present for today's meeting to discuss their wish to have Camden County's support in applying for BEAD grant funding to expand fiber infrastructure in certain areas of Camden County. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve signing of Wisper's letter of support to Missouri Office of Broadband Development. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Gascosage Electric Cooperative- requesting letter of support from Camden County for grant funding- Travis Baker (Broadband Manager) and Shawn Lipscomb (Operations Manager) with Gascosage Electric Co-op were present for today's meeting. Currently, they provide electric services to a small area of Brumley, MO within Camden County. They wish to begin broadband expansion within the north-eastern region of Camden County and request the county's support in applying for BEAD grant funding. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve signing of Gascosage's letter of support to Missouri Office of Broadband Development. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Co-Mo Connect, Inc.- requesting letter of support from Camden County for grant funding- Both Commissioners Skelton and Gohagan acknowledged having communications with Corey ten Bensel (Vice President of Engagement and Business Services) with Co-Mo Connect regarding their request for BEAD grant funding for fiber expansion within certain areas of Camden County. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve signing of Co-Mo Connect's letter of support to Missouri Office of Broadband Development. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Accounting Policy/Procedures- meeting #4- third section- The commission read the current accounting policies manual from page 54 to halfway through page 58. Discussion regarding revisions, sections to be removed, and updates occurred. Public comment was welcome during this time. There were no motions made.

At 11:22 AM, Commissioner Dougan made a motion to go into recess until 1:00 PM. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

At 1:01 PM, Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to come out of recess. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

1:00PM- R&B bid opening- bridge construction- There were three bids received for this agenda item: Brenneke Construction, LLC, Gene Haile Excavating, Inc., and Don Schnieders Excavating Company, Inc. At the request of the Road and Bridge Administrator and Howe Engineering Co. Rep. Shannon Howe, Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to table this item on the agenda until February 20, 2025. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Bid opening- 250213 Office Flooring- Four companies were contacted about this bid; only one company submitted a bid: Richardson’s Carpet. The maintenance supervisor, Eddie Eidson, reviewed the bid and requested the commission accept it. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to accept Richardson’s Carpet’s bid for office flooring. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Budget Amendment- “Opioid Funds” to “LEST Judges”- Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the budget amendment moving funds from Opioids to LEST Judges in the amount of \$4,580.00. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye). This budget amendment requires a Court Order directing the Treasurer to transfer the funds from one account to another. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to sign the Court Order approving the transfer of funds. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye)

Other Business

Petition to Gov. Mike Kehoe to freeze renewable energy projects... -

Commissioner Skelton received email communication regarding a request to support by signing a petition to Governor Mike Kehoe to “mirror recent actions of the 47th President of the United States, President Donald J. Trump, who signed an Executive Order on January 30, 2025 [to] freeze renewable energy projects until a review and revision of policy could be developed”. Commissioner Skelton stated

the email was in regard to land that would be taken in Callaway County MO for solar/wind farms. Commissioner Skelton stated he would be taking the petition around to each office and asking if others would like to sign. There were no motions made. The petition language is below:

PETITION TO GOVERNOR MIKE KEHOE

We, the undersigned citizens of Missouri do petition you, Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe, to mirror the recent actions of the 47th President of the United States, President Donald J. Trump, who signed an Executive Order on January 30, 2025 freeze renewable energy projects until a review and revision of policy could be developed. . We ask you to enact an Executive action in Missouri that will result in a moratorium to halt all construction of industrial solar and wind turbine projects in the state of Missouri until such time as the United States government provides clear directives regarding the funding and support of these two renewable energies.

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	DATE SIGNED
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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 1:32 P.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Mike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant