

# COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

**Thursday 03/06/2025**

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

## **Meeting Agenda**

Commissioner Skelton amended the agenda to table item number 1 until the Payroll Clerk could be present. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve today's amended agenda. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye). Session opened at 10:00 A.M.

## **Prior Minutes**

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve March 4, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

## **New Business**

**Employee sick time/PTO accrual and payouts-** Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to table item 1. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

**Surplus Funds Request-** This request for surplus was reviewed and approved by both the Treasurer's Office and the county's attorney. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the surplus fund payout in the amount of \$99,140.51. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

**Discuss EMA transfer and building control-** Discussion was held regarding whether or not the commission would transfer the control over EMA to the Sheriff's Department moving forward. Commissioner Skelton stated that he spoke with many elected officials while at CCAM training and the NACO Legislative Conference and felt an overwhelming majority agreed that EMA should be a Commission Department. His position is to keep EMA. Commissioner Gohagan stated his position would be to keep EMA but designate the control to Second District Commissioner Steve Dougan because of his knowledge and background in Emergency Management and Response. Commissioner Dougan stated his position would be to give EMA to the Sheriff's Department because of the similar command structure, but he is willing to keep EMA if given control over the functionality of the department. There was discussion of giving the Sheriff's Department space for moving E-911 Mapping and Addressing back to Camden and allowing Road and Bridge to use the Montreal Building for equipment/other needs. There were no motions made on this agenda item.

Ranita Jones spoke up at this time and stated that she believed EMA should stay under the commission; specifically, Commissioner Dougan, because of his knowledge and experience. She stated she agrees that the EMA office does have wasted space and thinks moving mapping and addressing to that office is possible and would be beneficial. She spoke to her advocacy of emergency preparedness and believes our constituents are provided with comfort knowing we have an EMA.

**Discuss Realignment of Human Trafficking Program-** Commissioner Skelton stated that it is his belief that the Human Trafficking Program is directly related to law enforcement function and asked Chief Deputy Scott Hines if they would be willing to take the program over since it's currently under the control of the commission. Hines stated that their department does not have the personnel or the budgeted funding to take over this program. It was acknowledged during the meeting that the grant funds for this program do run out in June of 2025. Hines stated that, at this time, the Sheriff's Department is not interested in taking over this task force. There were no motions made on this agenda item.

**NACo Legislative Conference debriefing-** Commissioner Skelton gave a debriefing on his time in Washington DC February 28- March 4, 2025. He spoke of the different agendas he felt were being pushed by different political groups. There were no motions made on this agenda item.

**Accounting Policy/Procedures Review-** Commissioner Gohagan read a few pages from the Accounting Policies Manual and recommended revisions as necessary. There were no motions made on this agenda item.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Skelton opened the floor for public comment and a gentleman named Benny Walker who works for Magruder Companies spoke up regarding the Road and Bridge Spring Bid Opening. He wanted to leave his business card with the commission and make sure that Magruder was still on the vendor list to be contacted when bid packets are sent out. Administrative Assistant Jordan Stanton took Mr. Walker’s business card and informed him that he hadn’t heard from Road and Bridge, yet, regarding spring bids because they hadn’t been published yet, but he should be hearing from them soon.

**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 11:03 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

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*The Skelton, Presiding Commissioner*

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*Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant*