

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Monday 04/06/2026

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 today's 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 April 2, 2026. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Final Public Hearing- Wavy Leaf Rd.—There are several parties present in favor of this request:

1. Gary Leu speaks first and states he is in favor of changing the Stop Sign to a Yield Sign and reiterates that many drivers treat the current signage as a Yield anyway. He stated he requested Commissioner Gohagan come observe traffic with him more than once which he did not. Commissioner Gohagan stated Mr. Leu only asked him the prior Thursday. Mr. Leu offered to show video footage of traffic at this intersection, and Commissioner Gohagan agreed to watch it at that time.

Commissioner Skelton stated that, at a minimum, the county could add a threshold line for the stop sign and add an updated sign to catch the attention of drivers. Mr. Leu claims this wouldn't make a difference.

2. Jim Verseman spoke next and stated he's in favor of the sign change because most people do not stop at the current Stop Sign now.
3. Gina Weishaar spoke last in favor claiming she lives on Wavy Leaf Road, the Stop Sign is useless and claims that there should be more traffic signage for roads at this intersection and near it. She stated speeding is an issue in this area and that increased police presence would make a difference.

Gary Leu asks if he can speak again, and Commissioner Skelton grants him the last word on the matter. Mr. Leu claims that certain folks who spoke in opposition are not directly affected by a sign change because they have a driveway which specifically gives them access to the roads in question. He stated it is their responsibility to look for oncoming traffic before accessing any road(s). He requested the commission make the sign change so that drivers can continue yielding but do it legally.

There were no parties present to speak in opposition; however, there was a letter of opposition and an email of opposition read and added to the record. Both items will be included in today's minutes *after the adjournment*.

Commissioner Gohagan was given the opportunity to make a motion on this matter as these roads lie within his district. He did not make a motion, so the request to change the traffic signage dies at this time. Commissioner Dougan spoke only to explain that he believes leaving the stop sign is the right choice for public safety.

Amendment to Health Dept. Purchase Contract— Camden County is currently under contract to purchase a piece of property on Rodeo Road in Camdenton for the Health Department to relocate. The current tenants requested an additional two months to evacuate the premises. The attorney negotiated with them and allowed one month additional. An amendment to the original purchase contract was drafted for this allowance. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve the signing of this amendment to the Health Dept. purchase contract. Commissioner Gohagan abstained (familial reasons). Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

For the record: Today is the first Monday of a new quarter. Road petitions would be heard today; however, there were no petitions received in the County Clerk's office, so there were no petitions to be heard at today's meeting.

Commissioner Dougan asked for clarification regarding information given at the last commission meeting on April 2, 2026, where an update on budget/revenue was given by the Treasurer and Auditor. Dave Maupin, in the audience, also asked for clarification regarding projections Jimmy Laughlin comes up with. Discussion took place.

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Dougan made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session closed at 10:43 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant

Mary Mason
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April 4, 2026

RE: Hearing on Stop Sign to Yield Sign at Wavy Leaf to Hwy Y

Camden County Commission
1 Court Circle NW
Camdenton, MO 65020

I would like to expand my thoughts regarding the request to remove the stop sign from Wavy Leaf Road to Y Highway.

First, the gentleman who spoke shared he has been on this battle for five years ever since he saw a woman who got pulled over by a deputy for not stopping at the stop sign. He shared he felt bad as she would most likely have negative consequences with her insurance company. While I believe we need a lot more caring people in our lives, I also believe that when we choose a behavior, we choose the consequence. I am very sorry this gentleman has carried this with him for five (5) years. I believe I also heard him say that since “no one” stops at the stop sign, we should make it a yield sign.

These are my reasons the “stop” sign should stay:

- This intersection has three (3) main roads coming together at one spot
- There is a convenience store within feet of this intersection with cars entering/exiting to both Wavy Leaf and Crystal Springs.
- The roads are curvy, and a clear sightline is restricted with trees and vegetation in all directions.

- Homeowner's vehicles on the road are larger and there is lot more heavy construction equipment on these roads.
- Vehicles are too often traveling faster than the posted speed limit
- Many of the vehicles have a tendency to cross the line when coming from Hwy Y to Wavy Leaf Road
- Being a resort area, the numbers of vehicles can increase significantly during the warmer months of the year.
- Many people come to the lake for "fun in the sun" which many times includes excessive drinking and legal drugs.
- The use of cell phones while driving is now a norm.

I know people do not stop at that location as one morning I had a lady hit me from behind. I saw her looking over her shoulder and didn't think she saw anyone and proceeded to move forward. I can only assume she didn't think I would stop. Another reason for that accident is there was a large sign in front of the store (out by the intersection) which made it difficult to see who was coming from Crystal Springs. A person had to pull out further than the stop sign to see traffic.

In closing, my hope is that there is a decision to not change the stop sign because a lady got a traffic ticket five (5) years ago. I also hope that the commission does not change the sign "because nobody stops." What I do hope is the commission supports more and continued safety of the roads in our community. There was a suggestion of a "road marker" which I would think would be a very good start.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Jordan Stanton

From: Lee <lee@alphaes.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 4:33 PM
To: Ike Skelton; James Gohagan; Steve Dougan
Cc: Jordan Stanton
Subject: Wavy Leaf Road

Dear Commissioners,

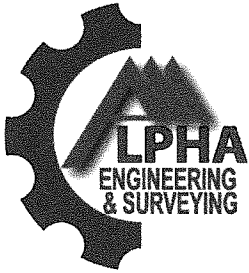
Please enter this email as opposition to changing the stop action on Wavy Leaf Road at the Y Road / Crystal Springs Road intersection to a yield action.

The intersection is too sharp for drivers to properly see oncoming traffic without stopping. If the intersection were improved with a merge lane, it could be changed to a yield action. The merge lane would have to be designed after a traffic count is performed. It could be anywhere from 200 feet long to 420 feet long, depending on the traffic counts.

Safety should not be sacrificed for impatience.

Sincerely,

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