

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday 04/22/2025

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve today's 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 the previous meeting minutes [April 17, 2025]. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Final Public Hearing- Speed Limit Reduction on Thong Tree Road and Pershing Drive- This was the final hearing required by state statute. Donna Sharp, full-time resident of Reflections Condominiums, was the only party present for this agenda item. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Thong Tree Road and Pershing Drive. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Higgenbotham Insurance Proposal- Higgenbotham representative Alan Fay was present for today's meeting. He discussed what Higgenbotham could offer Camden County in the form of employee benefits. He briefly discussed issues he sees with our current benefit system and offered to provide some services to the county for free as a "trial run" and requested that, if Pamela in HR is satisfied with

the program changes, Camden County hire Higgenbotham to continue services. Commissioner Skelton explained the bid process and purpose of the bid process to Mr. Fay. There were no motions made.

Business Park Road, Linn Creek – Trucking Traffic – A resident of the gravel portion of Business Park Road in Linn Creek, was present to request the Commission add “No Thru Trucking” signs to eliminate commercial truck traffic on the residential portion of Business Park Road past Capital Quarry. Commissioner Gohagan referred to RSMo 304.130 which states how things must be done to regulate traffic in Missouri. Commissioner Skelton stated when he spoke to some of the local trucking companies, there did not seem to be any concern with cutting off truck traffic in the residential area of Business Park Road. Erica with Capital Quarry was present and stated that the quarry fully supports the residents’ requests and asks for enforcement from Camden County. The Commission recognizes that speed limit is an issue too. Three public meetings are required to be held to reduce the speed limit and before signs can be placed restricting truck traffic. No motions were made.

Representative Vernetti requested a moment to speak and stated that he went before the House of Representatives and secured \$4,000,000.00 for a traffic project that would assist in alleviating traffic congestion at Highway 54 and 5 in Camdenton. Vernetti stated this budget proposal passed at the House unanimously. However, it was killed at the Senate. Representative Vernetti asked the Commission to write a letter of support for this project. All three commissioners were in agreeance that this issue needs addressed immediately, so they agreed that they would sign a Letter of Support to Sen. Hough.

RECESS FOR LUNCH – RECONVENE AT 1:00PM – At 10:33 AM, Commissioner Skelton made a motion to go in recess until 1:00 PM. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The passed by vote. Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

At 1:00 PM, Commissioner Dougan made a motion to come out of recess. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Allocation of Funds to Camden County Soil and Water Conservation District - \$6,000 – Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the payout of \$6,000.00 to allocate funds to Camden County Soil and Water Conservation District for 2025. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

The Hunter Group – Annual Service Contract Renewal – Per the Collector’s Office, the proposed contract will not change from 2024 to 2025. Commissioner Gohagan questioned the copyright intellectual property and third party materials portion of the contract, contacted The Hunter Group, spoke with Rob Hunter and asked for clarification on that particular section. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the 2025 Service Agreement with The Hunter Group and the Camden County Collector. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Sheriff – Ozarks Amphitheater Security Services Agreement – Mary Kay von Brendel and Tom Abbett were present for this item on the agenda. There was a slight increase in price of security services to accommodate pay increases from the previous year, which would assure this contract doesn’t cost Camden County any money. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the agreement for security deputies’ services for Ozarks Amphitheater. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: 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 1:07 P.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

The Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant