

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 04/24/2025

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve today's amended agenda. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye). Session opened at 10:00 A.M.

Prior Minutes

No minutes present for today's meeting.

New Business

LOREDC Annual Membership Dues – Heather Brown with LOREDC was present for today's meeting. LOREDC's services cover Miller, Morgan, and Camden counties. She briefly mentioned how they are involved with workforce development and creating regional marketing information for developers. She explained that they are all volunteer board members and their only income is generated from annual dues. Those funds are used to pay for studies such as, housing, hospitality, hotel/motel stays, etc. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve the annual membership dues of \$1,000 to Lake of the Ozarks Regional Economic Development Council. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

LOCLG Annual Membership Dues – Randy Angst, Presiding Commissioner for Laclede County, and Mitch Shields, LOCLG Executive Director, were present for today's meeting. Commissioner Skelton asked about their plan for grant

administration. Mr. Angst explained that they have contacted two individuals to use on a contract basis. He also explained that in order to reduce expenses, they have renegotiated their rent and cut expenses where they can. Their primary funding sources would be their dues, transportation funding that they receive from MoDOT, and the funding received from EDA and the Office of Administration. He claims they are right sizing their expenses based upon revenue. Commissioner Skelton asked how it would work if the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) did not operate through the Council of Local Governments. Mr. Angst stated he is currently researching that topic. LOCLG is seeking \$13,599.96, which is determined by the county population minus the city population multiplied by \$0.44 per person. Commissioner Dougan expressed his desire to continue working with LOCLG. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve the annual membership dues for 2025 in the amount of \$13,599.96. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

Budget Amendment for EMA - \$615.00 – This item is not actually a budget amendment, it's a budget reclassification because the EMA Department was seeking to relocate funds from one line to another; both already existing in the 2025 budget. John Scheper, EMA Director, was present. Commissioner Skelton brought up the considerable amount of equipment and equipment repair needs. Mr. Scheper explained that dry rotted tires needed to be replaced as well as the need to reprogram radio equipment which is costly. Commissioner Skelton had concerns regarding the EMA truck wrap that Commissioner Dougan was in favor of. Mr. Scheper explained that they used \$3,600 for a camper topper, chevron, and the truck wrap. He also wanted to share a few updates: Homeland Security and FEMA funds have been unfrozen so that money should start flowing in. There were no flooding issues over Easter weekend. The flooding that occurred a few weeks ago will not meet the threshold for state assistance, but the fires did for both the personal aide for citizens as well as public aide for Camden County. Commissioner Skelton said that he received an email from the National Association of Counties stating that Hazard Mitigation Funds will be cut and asked Mr. Scheper how he anticipated that affecting his department, and Mr. Scheper stated he did not anticipate funding to be cut in the nearest future but knew that it would likely happen, so he will begin preparing for that closer to time. Mr.

Scheper wanted to congratulate LEPC for distributing \$95,000.00 worth of hazardous materials, equipment, and training. Mr. Scheper stated Missouri has had its first cases of Measles so they are working with the hospitals and department of health to monitor the situation. There were no motions made.

Letter of Support for Representative Verneti – As requested at the previous Commission meeting, a Letter of Support was presented for the Commission to consider signing. Commissioner Skelton stated there were some deals made with the House of Representatives so funding would be put into the budget for Highway 54 East of Camdenton; however, the Senate denied the budget proposal for this project. Commissioner Skelton read the Letter of Support to be sent to Senator Hough. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to allow the Commission to sign this Letter of Support on behalf of Camden County. Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye).

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 Skelton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Skelton (aye). Session closed at 10:28 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Oke Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant