

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Thursday 05/14/2026

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

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the 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 of May 7, 2026. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Contract for legal services with Paul Gordon of Fisher Patterson Saylor & Smith— County Counselor Charlie Dickman explained that Attorney Gordon specializes in insurance defense; having several frivolous lawsuits thrown out. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to enter into this contract for legal services by Paul Gordon for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Contract for legal services with Saab & Associates— County Counselor Charlie Dickman explains that state statute allows a Sheriff to have their own attorney for their department legal matters. Charlie Dickman has negotiated with Joseph Saab for the best-fit contract for legal services for the Sheriff's Department. Citizen Dave Maupin asks if Lynn Brand was still the Sheriff Department legal counsel. Sheriff

Edgar stated that since Ms. Brand is running for the Prosecuting Attorney's seat in the upcoming election, he feels that her representing his office in legal matters is a conflict of interest, so as of June 1, 2026, Saab & Associates would take over as legal counsel for his department. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to enter into this contract for legal services by Saab & Associates for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

SB-190 Senior Tax Freeze Ordinance Amendment—Byron Willis, Deputy Assessor, steps forward and explains the need for an amendment to the 9-7-23-A stating that some property owners have commercial buildings on the same parcel as their residential property. They've requested to have their tax bill frozen for the entire parcel, including the commercial property, which was explained as unfair to other commercial property owners who will not benefit from the same tax freeze. The amendment explains that the property owner must have an official survey of their property done, the parcel must be split to remove the commercial portion, then a tax freeze would be placed on the residential parcel. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to adopt amended Ordinance 9-7-23-B. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Bid Award 260507 Tax Sale Publication Bid—The Camden County Collector requested the commission accept the bid provided by Lake Sun. Commissioner Skelton made a motion to accept Lake Sun's bid for the 2026 Tax Sale Publication. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Release of Closed Session Minutes—Commissioner Skelton reviewed and approved the release of closed session minutes recorded on: 06/05/2024, 08/08/2024, 07/22/2025, 08/20/2025, 10/30/2025, and 12/04/2025. County Counselor Charlie Dickman reviewed the minutes. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to release the stated closed session minutes. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Resolution 5142026 Seeking Blue Shield Designation—Commissioner Skelton explained that the resolution has already been passed based on the April 24, 2026 commission meeting when the commission voted to approve the request for Camden County to seek the Blue Shield designation. Commissioner Skelton read the resolution aloud. All three commissioners signed the resolution after.

Other Business

Old Business: Keller Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims—County Counselor explained that he extricated Camden County from this lawsuit without the County having to pay any money. Commissioner Skelton signed the agreement. No motions were made.

Request from DOR for Marijuana Tax Revenue Payout- \$63,108.51—Commissioner Skelton stated that another request for marijuana tax revenue has been received and submitted for payment for public record. No motions were made.

Commissioner Gohagan spoke briefly about the Bass Pro Shops being built in Osage Beach where the Outlet Mall resides currently. He talked of the benefits for the community and spoke about different construction deadlines.

At 10:20 AM, Commissioner Skelton made a motion to go into recess until 10:30 AM for the closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

At 10:31 AM, Commissioner Dougan made a motion to come out of recess for closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to enter closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken: Commissioner Skelton (aye), Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

At 11:20 AM, Commissioner Dougan made a motion to exit closed session. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken:

Commissioner Skelton (aye), Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (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 Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session closed at 11:20 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Eke Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant