COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Thursday 12/29/2022

The Camden County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Greg Hasty, District #1 Commissioner James Gohagan, and District #2 Commissioner Don Williams.

Meeting Agenda

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

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the December 27, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (Yes) and Commissioner Williams (Yes).

New Business

Opioid Settlement – Camden County has received the first payment awarded from an opioid lawsuit settlement. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to dedicate all proceeds from the opioid lawsuit settlement to the County's drug treatment courts. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (Yes) and Commissioner Gohagan (Yes). Commissioner Gohagan also made a motion to create a new fund in the County's general ledger in which to deposit the funds. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (Yes) and Commissioner Gohagan (Yes).

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CIRCUIT JUDGE, DIVISION III

December 20, 2022

Re: Opioid Settlement Proceeds

Dear Commissioners,

First, we want to thank you for your crucial support in helping establish our Veteran's, Drug and DWI Treatment Courts in our county. Since its inception in 2018, we have graduated dozens of our participants who are now productive and law-abiding citizens in our community. We are truly making a positive difference for our county, and we are making a difference in the lives of our participants and their families and friends. At a time in which small businesses are scrambling to find reliable employees, we are helping to create reliable and drug free employees for many of these companies. This is just one example of the many benefits that our treatment courts provide to our community. You are part of this change, and we thank you. However, we need your continued support and we must grow and adapt to a rapidly changing landscape.

We are at the front line of the battle against the opioid crisis. Many of our participants are a product of the issues that caused these opioid settlement funds to be distributed to our county. As you are aware, Amendment 3, which legalizes marijuana, was voted into law by the people and takes affect on December 8, 2022. If the experiences of other states hold true to Missouri, then we will see a substantial increase in the need for treatment courts and many other drug treatment related programs.

As our treatment programs grow, so will our need for more support. It will be extremely helpful for the settlement funds that the county receives to go directly to support our treatment courts as we continue to fight the effects of drug abuse in our community. Our treatment courts has expenses in excess of $150,000.00 annually, most of which is covered by state and federal grant money that may or may not be there from year to year. Our costs will continue to grow as our courts grow.

For these and many other reasons, we request that the opioid settlement funds be allocated to support the needs of our treatment courts as we continue to battle the drug crisis in our community. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have about our courts.

Sincerely,

Aaron G. Koeppen | Matthew P. Hamner | Kenneth M. Hayden

Veregy – Change Order #1 – A change order from Veregy in the amount of $5,810.00 for Extension Building Renovations was presented to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve change order #1. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (Yes) and Commissioner Williams (Yes).

Veregy – Change Order #2 – Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve change order #2 in the amount of $10,300.00 to replace the HVAC unit at the Extension Building. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (Yes) and Commissioner Williams (Yes).

Veregy – Change Order #3 – Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve change order #3 in the amount of $26,500.00 to replace sewer line at the annex building. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (Yes) and Commissioner Gohagan (Yes).

Veregy – Change Order #4 – Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve change order #4 in the amount of $0.00 to replace sewer and plumbing lines at the Courthouse. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Williams (Yes) and Commissioner Gohagan (Yes).

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Williams 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 Gohagan (Yes) and Commissioner Williams (Yes). Session closed at 10:21 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until Wednesday January 4, 2023.

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Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

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Lisa Russell