



BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 15, 2025

In attendance were Commissioner Ron Hook, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Scott Burnham, County Attorney Josh Bachman, Auditor Tara Horn and Administrative Coordinator Amy Helsel

Presiding Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Meeting Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve today's agenda. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

Meeting Minutes

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Monday, January 13, 2025. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

Business

A public hearing was held for the adoption of the 2025 Buchanan County Budget. A court order approving the budget was presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Commissioner Burnham and Presiding Commissioner Nelson. Auditor Tara Horn left the meeting at 9:20 am.

Mike McBride stopped in to talk about the Lake Contrary Sewer District and confirm with Commissioner Hook on who owns the pumps, the sewer district or the City of St. Joseph. Mr. McBride confirmed the sewer district does have an attorney they will be speaking about this.

Commissioners discussed funding request for a 24 hour shelter. A court order will be issued Friday to fund this project with stipulations.

Court orders to transfer funds were presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Commissioner Burnham, and Presiding Commissioner Nelson

Court orders to void checks were presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Commissioner Burnham, and Presiding Commissioner Nelson.

Court orders authorizing Presiding Commissioner Nelson to sign Communication site land lease agreements were presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Commissioner Burnham, and Presiding Commissioner Nelson. Two copies of each agreement were made and mailed to each landlord with postage paid return envelopes.

At 10:00 am Purchasing Agent Kim Hartman, Andy Macias and Larry Jacobson with Snyder and Associates, and Christ Fortune with NewsPress Now joined the meeting to talk about bridges and detention pond at the North Shoppes. For the detention pond at the North Shoppes Andy stated they are still waiting for approval from the City of St. Joseph. Andy and Christ Fortune left the room for an interview. Larry started discussing bridge projects in the county. At 10:23 Commissioner Burnham made a motion to go into closed session, Presiding Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ron Hook-Aye, Scott Burnham-Aye, Scott Nelson-Aye. Meeting was closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2) to discuss land acquisition. At 10:45 am Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into open session, Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ron Hook-Aye, Scott Burnham-Aye, Scott Nelson-Aye.

Adjourn

With no further official business on the agenda Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. All are in favor of adjourning. The meeting ended at 10:45 am.

At 11:15 am Hunter Kelly with Senator Josh Hawley's office met with Commissioner's to introduce a new field agent in their office. They left at 11:25 am.