

Commission Meeting
8.5.25
6th Day of July Term
Maysville, MO

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll, East District Commissioner, Chet Owen, West District Commissioner, Kyle White and County Clerk, Melissa Meek.

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 29th meeting and the agenda for today's meeting. East District Commissioner, Chet Owen made the second. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek presented the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for the Commission to review and sign for 2025. This is required for those that have to fill out Personal Financial Disclosure documents for The Missouri Ethics Commission.

Cory Phillips of CP Excavating and Cole Kemper of Grand River Township met with the Commission to discuss the location here Norris Quarries will be relocating which will be north of Dohrn Trucking. The location is land owned by Cory Phillips which he will be leasing to the quarry. Cory presented a proposal to build a new road to the Grindstone Reservoir which is owned by The City of Cameron. The proposal is in large part to make access safer and easier to Grindstone Reservoir. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the proposal from Cory Phillips dba CP Excavating to build a new road which will improve access to Grindstone Reservoir. East District Commissioner, Chet Owen made the second. All in favor, White-aye, Owen-aye and Carroll-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Both properties involved in this are owned by the City of Cameron and Cory Phillips. The City of Cameron has already approved the construction of the road and upon completion Grand River Township will maintain it. The County will then add it to their gravel road inventory. Cory and or Cole will keep the Commission updated on this project.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek, advised that the State Tax Commission had denied her request to rescind their order for the 15% on commercial valuations in DeKalb County. Melissa has had no further communication with the STC.

At 10:30 a.m. Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll made the motion to leave open session and enter closed session concerning a legal issue. East District Commissioner, Chet Owen made the second. All in favor, White-aye, Carroll-aye and Owen-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the motion was made by East District Commissioner, Chet Owen, to leave closed session and re-enter back into open session. Motion was seconded by West District Commissioner, Kyle White. All in favor, White-aye, Owen-aye and Carroll-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to retain the services of Attorney Travis Elliott of Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. to represent the County on their dispute with the Missouri State Tax Commission (STC). East District Commissioner, Chet Owen made the second. All in favor, White-aye, Owen-aye and Carroll-aye. Motion carried 3-0. County Clerk Melissa Meek will notify Attorney Elliott to advise the decision of the Commission and will wait for further instructions. Melissa noted that very few counties had received this order and that she was unaware of which counties if any were complying.

Josh Lambeth of Howe & Company returned with the bridge documents from the bid opening on the 29th advising that Brookfield Box & Bridge should be awarded the contract for BRO-032(001) with them having the lowest bid. He also advised that all the necessary documents were in place. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the bid from Brookfield Box & Bridge for BRO-032(001) with Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll making the second. All in favor, White-aye, Owen-aye and Carroll-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

State Representative Dean VanSchoiack met with the Commission to discuss the ongoing issue with the State Tax Commission (STC) and get input from DeKalb County on the issue they were dealing with. County Clerk, Melissa Meek advised that if notice had been given in a timely manner patrons would have had the opportunity to make an appeal to the BOE (Board of Equalization), as of now it is just a demand from the STC to the Clerk's office to add 15% to commercial properties without the patron's knowledge until they got a tax bill in November or December. If they appealed, they would pay under protest to the Collector. The STC is aware of DeKalb County's concerns but are in disagreement of them not complying. Representative VanSchoiack reminded everyone that there are meetings around the State to attend and voice your concerns. The next meeting is at Union Station in Kansas City MO on August 12th at 5:30 p.m.

If you have an event you would like to hold at The DeKalb County Fairgrounds please contact County Clerk, Melissa Meek to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts, and that you have the correct insurance in place.

The Commission always welcomes the citizens of DeKalb County to attend their weekly meeting.

Attending today's meeting were Paul Hamby, Quintin Graeff, State Representative Dean VanSchoiack, Assessor Tanya Zimmerman, Collector/Treasurer Jessica Lee, Recorder of Deeds Ashley Johnson and Bill Gray.

With no further business before the County Commission, they adjourned until August 12, 2025