

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

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll welcomed those in attendance and led all in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll, made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with East District Commissioner, Chet Owen making the second. All in favor. Motion carried. Minutes from the March 11th meeting were presented with West District Commissioner, Kyle White making the motion to approve the minutes as presented with Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll making the second. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek reminded the Commission about the roundtable discussion on the 20th at United in Savannah and that their NW Commissioner's Meeting is the same day in Putnam County.

The Commission did a conference call with a patron upset about DeKalb County not acting on SB190. The Commission SB190 was discussed with the Clerk's Office receiving many calls concerning when DeKalb County was going to implement the process. The following will be kept in the minutes for those that might have missed it in previous minutes. The Commission also put an article in The Record Herald for those that take the paper.

The DeKalb County Commissioners are not opposed to implementing the property tax credit provided in Senate Bill 190, which says in part,
"This act authorizes a county to grant a property tax credit to eligible taxpayers residing in such county, provided such county has adopted an ordinance authorizing such credit, or a petition in support of such credit is delivered to the governing body of the county and is subsequently submitted to and approved by the voters, as described in the act."

The two options for putting the law into effect are an initiative petition and commission action in the form of an ordinance.

If implemented, qualifying persons property valuations would no longer increase in most cases.

The Commission is reluctant, at this time, to interfere with taxes put in place by voters to fund local fire departments, ambulance districts and schools. If DeKalb County residents choose to reduce those taxes, the commission will support those efforts.

Garry McFee from Howe and Company met with the Commission to pick up paperwork that was signed by Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll. This pertains to the projects already established as BRO's.

Alan Fay from Higginbotham met with the Commission to discuss the benefits their insurance offers their customers.

Ben Routon from the Road & Bridge Dept. met with the Commission to discuss brush, recycling and work being done around the County. Ben advised that he had checked all properties that had received notices to remove their brush and 2 of those in Washington Township have been cleared. Those 2 properties will not be bid out.

Mowing bids were revisited due to the only bidder the previous week did not have insurance at the time of the bid opening. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the bid from Mad Dawg Mowing for Old Maysville Cemetery in the amount of \$300.00 and Small Town Mowing for Smith and Shuckman @ \$30 each cemetery. Both have the required insurance. After discussion by East District Commissioner, Chet Owen and clarification on amounts Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll made the second. All in favor. Carroll-aye, White-aye and Owen-aye. Motion carried.

Brush bids were opened with only 2 bidders sending in bids. West District Commissioner, Kyle White made the motion to accept the bid for the Richardson property in Sherman Township from Korneman Forestry and the remaining properties to Chris Franks. No bids were taken on the 2 properties in Washington Township due to the properties were cleaned up prior to the bid opening. Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll made the second. All in favor. Carroll-aye, White-aye and Owen-aye. Motion carried. The cost to remove this brush as well as any advertising will be applied to the 2025 tax bill.

The Commission did a conference call with Leah Dettmers, Stakeholder Relations AMEREN Transmission, Tracy Dencker, Projects Manager, AMEREN Transmission and Nick Rudis, Project Manager, AMEREN Transmission concerning Phase 2 of the Northern Missouri Grid Transformation Program. The discussion was had on the new sub-station being built by the Fairport sub which will eventually have power lines running east into Illinois and north into Iowa. They will keep the County updated on the project as it moves forward.

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.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek reminded the Commission that absentee voting would continue until April 7th at 5 p.m.

Guests attending today's meeting were Garry McFee, Ben Routon and Bill Gray. Attending by phone were the representatives from AMEREN.

With no further business before the County Commission, they adjourned until March 25, 2025.