

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 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was 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.

Austin Ethington and daughter of Osborn visited this Commission on this day just to observe the process in which County Government operates.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek and Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll attended the round table discussion in Savannah MO at United Electric on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on issues surrounding counties.

Garry McFee brought BRO documents for Presiding Commissioner, Kyle Carroll to sign. Currently the County has 6 BRO projects being projected for DeKalb County in the next 2 years.

County Clerk, Melissa Meek reminded everyone that the retirement program LAGERS was increased this year, and it will go into effect after the waiting period.

Ben Routon of the Road & Bridge Dept. met with the Commission to discuss brush, equipment and jobs currently being done around the County.

**The Clerk's office has received several calls concerning the Commission implementing SB190. 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.**

Members from The Extension Office met with the Commission today to discuss needs around the County as well as give information on Sequential Intercept Model Mapping which identifies gaps in mental health support for individuals who are repeatedly involved in the criminal justice system. Those attending today's meeting were Jen Osborn, Rachel Brown and Enola Scrivens.

East District Commissioner, Chet Owen attended the following meetings this past week: March 20<sup>th</sup> The NW Commissioner's Meeting in Putnam County, MOKAN Meetings on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. He will also attend at CAP Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> and an Extension Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Guests attending today's meeting were Garry McFee, Ben Routon, Jen Osborn, Austin Ethington, Enola Scrivens and Rachel Brown.

With no further business before the County Commission, they adjourned until April 1, 2025.