BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMISSION



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Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 22, 2023

In attendance were Commissioner Scott Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Ron Hook, and Administrative Coordinator Amy Helsel.

Presiding Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Meeting Agenda

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

Meeting Minutes

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Monday, November 20, 2023, and Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion.

Business

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

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

A re-written court order authorizing to abate the taxes for South St Joseph Drainage and Levee District in the name of Mr. Hannah in the amount of \$14.08 which shall release the lands from the lien of the state and all taxes due thereon, as charged on the back tax book was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Hook, and Commissioner Burnham.

A court order approving the 2024 – 2025 maintenance plan and preliminary budget for the Buchanan County Assessor Dean Wilson was presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Presiding Commissioner Nelson, and Commissioner Burnham.

County Counsel Josh Bachman joined the meeting at 9:15 am.

A discussion about the Memorandum of Understanding of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds. Commissioners asked to set up a meeting with City Manager Bryan Carter to discuss further.

Commissioners discussed spraying weeds and the future plans for Lake Contrary. Commissioner Hook made a motion to accept the bid to spray the weeds (Aerial Aquatic Herbicide Broadcasting). Presiding Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. A court order accepting the bid will be on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, agenda.

Presiding Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 10:07 am.

Commissioner Hook gave an update of the proposal for the Salary Task Force the was shared at the MAC conference.

Commissioner Hook also mentioned he spoke to a representative with Workers Compensation. They explained that Buchanan County had a good year with minimal claims in 2022, however 2023 number of claims went up some and there was an increase of pay rates. Salary increases raises workman's compensation rates

Commissioner Hook attended a meeting about land for an agricultural building and some options on land inside city limits on 10.4 acres and another option to buy Easton School, which will continue education, have training facilities, 4-h, master gardeners and an office for Missouri Extension.

Adjourn

With no further official business on the agenda Commissioner Burnham made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion. All are in favor of adjourning. The meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.