



COLE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Agenda for the Commission of Cole County  
For Tuesday, July 31, 2018**

(Commission is in session as posted beginning at 9:00 am, unless otherwise noted. The Commission will handle administrative matters between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm daily)

1. CALL TO ORDER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher, Western District Commissioner Kris Schepeler, Deputy Auditor Danielle Patterson, Auditor Kristen Berhorst, Public Works Director Larry Benz, Road Superintendent Larry Bishop, County Engineer Eric Landwehr, Health Director Kristi Campbell, News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Collector Larry Vincent, Counselor Jill LaHue, Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

3. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

6. BIDS & CONTRACTS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a motion to **approve the Accounts Payable Review pending final review.**

Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a motion to **approve and sign A Resolution Of Cole County, Missouri ("Community") Authorizing, Approving And Directing The Employment Of Certain Law Firms To Represent The Community In Potential Litigation Against Contributors Of Opioid Addiction Crisis.** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a motion to **approve and sign the Engagement To Represent (Cole County, Missouri civil suit against those legally responsible for the wrongful distribution of prescription opiates and damages caused thereby).** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held regarding the **Small Community Cooperative Project Funding Recommendation and Approval of Award.** County Engineer Eric Landwehr provided handout(s) listing the five (5) communities interested in the

cooperative project (**St. Martins, Wardsville, St. Thomas, Russellville and Centertown**), Average Score, Funding Requested, Local Match, Funding Recommended by the Committee, and the Project Description for each Community along with the ratings given by the Committee members. Commissioner Scheperle stated when this project was originally discussed it was agreed that the smaller communities should not be penalized if they do not have a match to the funding recommended and asked if the County should require some type of match with moving forward in future Community Cooperative Projects. No decision was made today on this question.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve and award the Small Community Cooperative Project Funding Recommendations by the Committee**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held regarding the Courthouse landscaping and sidewalk design. Commissioner Scheperle stated he has spoken with Central Missouri Professional Services (CMPS) about this project, stating what the County has now is a hodgepodge and needs some uniformity. CMPS recommended Ken Keitel to design this project. Keitel gave an estimate of \$5,000.00 for the preliminary design. Commissioner Scheperle was asking approval to move forward on this project or if Commissioners Bushman and Hoelscher had other ideas. All three Commissioners are in agreement to move forward with Commissioner Scheperle making contacts to begin the design.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to go into Closed Session at 9:57 a.m. Pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Commission will go into Closed Session to discuss the following: Personnel Issues [Section 610.021(13)]. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**RECONVENE:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a motion to go out of Closed Session at 12:40 p.m. and reconvene as the Cole County Commission. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**10. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY**

Commissioner Bushman received correspondence from the following:

- a. Department of Public Safety, dated July 23, 2018, regarding FY 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program Application #93560. The application was deemed to be ineligible for funding.
- b. City of Jefferson, dated July 25, 2018, regarding Case No. P18020 - National Register Historic Overlay District.
- c. Chamber of Commerce, dated July 20, 2018, the signed Regional Port Authority Agreement for the Heartland Port Authority of Central Missouri.
- d. Federal Aviation Administration Southwest Regional Office (Structure/Evaluation Group) regarding their completed study for the antenna installed on Southridge Drive.
- e. Mid-Mo Regional Planning Commission, dated July 20, 2018 regarding the Board of Directors Appointees.

Commissioner Scheperle spoke about Judge Beetem's request to transfer monies to pay for additional training received at a conference in the amount of \$2,042.00. The Commissioner's denied this request to transfer monies and is sending back the request.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission will stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner

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Eastern District Commissioner

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