



**Agenda for the Commission of Cole County
For Thursday, January 4, 2024**

(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 (9:00 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher, Western District Commissioner Harry Otto, Frank Rycyk (Self) News Tribune Alex Naughton, Sheriff John Wheeler, Health Director Kristi Campbell, EMS Chief Eric Hoy, Recorder Judy Ridgeway, Prosecuting Attorney Locke Thompson, HR Sheila Johnson, Finance Debbie Malzner, Chief Deputy Clerk Dawn Cremeans, present.

2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

Recorder's December 2023 Fees
County Clerks December 2023 Fees
Auditor's December 2023 Revenue & Expenditure Report
Treasurer's December Reconciliation Report

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

Commissioner Bushman opened the Public Hearing for the County Budget for 2024.

No one spoke on the 2024 budget.

Commissioner Bushman closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION:

Commissioner Hoelscher made a **motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cole County Sheriff and the Cole County Recorder of Deeds.** Commissioner Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Otto (Yes).

PRESENTATION:

Debbie Malzner presented a Budget Report with totals.

MOTION:

Commissioner Otto made a **motion to adopt the budget with the Court Order that incorporates the budget that was presented to us today.** Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Otto (Yes).

ANNOUNCEMENT:

All the Department Heads and Elected Officials will see the budget online. All the departments will receive a packet that includes a letter and pay forms. A 4% COLA and a 1% pool that can be divided by the Department Head or Elected Official was approved. The Pay Forms are due back by January 12th.

Commissioner Bushman read the letter regarding the finalized 2024 budget and financial plan for 2024.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Commissioner Hoelscher made a **motion to stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.** Commissioner Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Otto (Yes).

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Commissioner

Eastern District Commissioner

Western District Commissioner