

# Minutes

Texas County Commission  
Texas County Administrative Center  
Suite 302  
Houston, MO 65483

Date: January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Date and Term of Commission: 5th Day of the January Term

Those Present: Scott Long, Presiding Commissioner  
John Casey, Associate Commissioner  
Robert Ross, Associate Commissioner  
Peggy Seyler, County Clerk

Call to Order: 9:25am  
Approval of Agenda:  
Motion: RR Second: JC  
Vote: Yes-Long, Casey, Ross  
Approved

Approval of previous week's minutes:  
Motion: JC Second: RR  
Vote: Yes-Long, Casey, Ross  
Approved

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## Old Business:

- A. Golden Hills roadways
- B. Bridges – BRO and FLAP
- C. ARPA Funds

## New Business:

- A. Reviewed and approved Accounts Payable and Direct Payables #1. The accounting officer filed her certification of available funds for Accounts Payable #1 and Direct Payables totaling \$383,131.59. The County Commission approved the accounting officer's certification.  
Motion: RR Second: JC  
Vote: Yes –Long, Casey, Ross  
Approved
- B. Jake Parsons and Alan Fry with Higginbotham Insurance met with the commission on benefits for the county.
- C. Phone conference with Karpel Solutions on telephone and IT Services.
- D. Signed and approved Pierce, Piney, Cass, Morris, and Sargent township contracts.  
Motion: JC Second: RR  
Vote: Yes –Long, Casey, Ross  
Approved
- E. Signed and approved Jackson, Carroll, Current, and Roubidoux township contract.  
Motion: RR Second: JC  
Vote: Yes –Long, Casey, Ross  
Approved
- F. Jill Garrett and Marsha Hawkins Hourd met with the commission and discussed the need in the county for a medical detox center and to request funding.

- G. The County Commission took bid proposals from contractors for Camp Road Bridge(BROR001-001), West Plains Bridge and Grading was the only bid.  
Motion: JC Sec: RR  
Vote: Yes – Casey, Ross, Long  
Approved  
Evan Lewis with Great Rivers Engineering will follow-up with MODOT and get back with the commission. Evan gave updates on the Flap agreement for Paddy Creek.
- H. Request to go into Closed Session.2:35 pm  
Motion: RR Second: JC  
Roll Call vote: Yes, Ross, Casey, Long  
Approved
- I. Commission attend the quarterly meeting of the Township Advisory Board.
- J. Met with Collector/Treasurer, Assessor and County Clerk concerning procedures for implementing SB 190.

**Elected Officials**

- A. Assessor
  - 1. Additions & Abatements  
Motion: RR Second: JC  
Approved
- B. Sheriff
  - 1. Reviewed and acknowledged the resignation of Blakelynn Watts effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2. Reviewed and acknowledged the hiring of Anthony Hagen as a full-time jailer effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Collector/Treasurer
  - 1. Requested commission to approve removing deceased taxpayer from the tax rolls.  
Motion: JC Second: RR  
Vote: Yes – Casey, Ross, Long  
Approved
- D. Recorder
- E. Prosecuting Attorney
- F. County Clerk
- G. Circuit Clerk
- H. County Surveyor
- I. Public Administrator
- J. Coroner
- K. Maintenance
  - 1. Presented bids for Generator maintenance to the commission. E. J. is to contact Lee Smith concerning generators.
- L. EMD


**The County Commission reviewed the following:**


- A. Collector/Treasurer January report
- B. Reviewed purchases made at Missouri State Surplus Property.
- C. Coroners Monthly Mileage report
- D. Recorders Monthly report
- E. Reviewed CBDG paperwork for the water well for Texas County water District #1
- F. Reviewed the yearly case load for the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

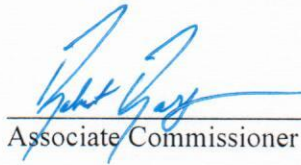
**Public Comment, Walk-Ins and Miscellaneous:**

- A. George Sholtz with Big Country 99 stopped by to make the commission aware of a demand letter presented to Texas County Memorial Hospital, a county entity. Discussion was also held concerning changes at the Southgate at Fort Leonard Wood.
- B. Phone conversation with Mary Ellen Higashi, an appointment was set up to meet with the commission for Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Texas County taxpayer Danny Purcell was disputing his taxes and asked the commission to waive late fees. Danny will follow up with documentation from his insurance company.
- D. TCMH CEO Stace Holland visited with the county commission about hospital issues and updates.
- E. Andy Turpin inquiring about old school records.
- F. Reviewed the CCAM agenda for the Commission meeting in February.
- H. Parke Stevens visited with the commission with several county matters.
- I. Updates from Tony Floyd concerning advertising for bids for Twin Cities Industrial Park.

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