

RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT  
13<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of February 2025

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners met with Mitch Marquess regarding the Building and Grounds Update. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy.

Justice Center

- Prosecutor’s Office HVAC: there are four (4) units in the one office and the staff was only using 1 or 2 units so one has worn out. Marquess reviewed having told her that they are replacing the unit and moving forward she should use all the units to adequately regulate the office.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Detective HVAC: needed compressor
- Drug Detective Office: needs a new thermostat
- State sprinkler, alarm and sensitivity tests were completed last week by Cintas, and all passed.

Courthouse

- Boiler: Marquess requested to be notified as soon as possible if the Courthouse staff are not going to be relocated by fall 2025 because the boiler will need to be worked on as soon as possible.
- Smoke Alarms: Batteries are chirping because the battery is going bad and they are not replaceable. The Commissioners requested Marquess to replace the smoke detectors.

Marquess will be out of the office March 13-14, 2025 and the last two weeks in April and first week of May.

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve the State Bid Purchase of Six (6) 2024 Dodge Durangos from Landmark Dodge, Independence MO with total price of \$256,005.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Order: 20250203-01 Purchase of Six Vehicles For Sheriff’s Office Through Missouri State Bid  
WHEREAS, the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office has requested to purchase six (6) vehicles through the Missouri state bid process; and  
WHEREAS, Landmark Dodge of Independence, Missouri has the following 2024 Dodge Durangos, Model WDEE75, available for purchase:

Vehicle Identification	New or Used	Color	Mileage	Price
1C4SDJFT5RC182830	Used	White Knuckle Clear Coat	18	\$42,170.00
1C4SDJFT6RC213826	New	PAS Vapor Grey	50	\$43,075.00
1C4SDJFT1RC199446	Used	PSE Triple Nickel	17	\$43,345.00
1C4SDJFT9RC182829	Used	White Knuckle Clear Coat	17	\$42,170.00
1C4SDJFT7RC182828	New	White Knuckle Clear Coat	10	\$42,170.00
1C4SDJFT4RC199263	New	PAS Vapor Grey	10	\$43,075.00

WHEREAS, the purchase of these vehicles is necessary for law enforcement operations; and  
WHEREAS, Sheriff Scott Munsterman confirmed the total price of \$256,005.00 is allocated within the Sheriff / Jail Fund - Vehicle Purchase (082-190-56820) approved county budget; and  
WHEREAS, In accordance with 50.660 RSMo, Johnson County Auditor Chad Davis, affirmed that as of January 31, 2025 there is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of this appropriation (\$256,005.00) and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund Sheriff / Jail Fund - Vehicle Purchase (082-190-56820) from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Landmark Dodge has provided sales agreements; and  
WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commission wishes to authorize the purchase while ensuring compliance with county procurement policies and applicable laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Johnson County Commission as follows:

1. The purchase of six (6) vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office through the Missouri state bid process in the amount of \$256,005.00 from Landmark Dodge of Independence, Missouri is hereby approved.
2. Presiding Commissioner Matthews is authorized to execute the final sales agreements.
3. The Auditor and other relevant officials are directed to take any necessary administrative actions to facilitate this purchase.

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to appoint Stephanie Truex as the 2025 County Health Officer. Motion approved unanimously.

Order: 20250203-02 Appoint Stephanie Truex as 2025 County Health Officer  
WHEREAS, the County Commission shall annually at their February meeting, appoint the director of the public health center as County Health Officer; and, WHEREAS, the Johnson County Community Health Services Board appointed Ms. Stephanie Truex as Administrator of Johnson County Community Health Services; and, NOW, THEREFORE, the Johnson County Commission hereby appoints Ms. Stephanie Truex as the Johnson County Health Officer as per Chapter 205.100 RSMo; and FURTHERMORE, as the Johnson County Health Officer, Ms. Truex shall exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties pertaining to that office as set forward under the health laws of the state and rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The appointment shall be effective immediately.

The Commissioners reviewed correspondence from Mitch Gibler, OWN Engineering, regarding the processing of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (SWA) Permit for Bridge 5970003 on SW 1621<sup>st</sup> Road over Scaly Bark Creek as part of the BRO R051(043) project.  
Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve and authorize Presiding Commissioner Matthews to sign the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Authorization to Act as an Agent for Mitch Gibler of OWN and the Right of Entry which allows U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enter their property for site investigations. Motion approved unanimously.

The Commissioners met with Jamie DeBacker, Executive Director and Waymon Hollister, Program Coordinator for the Warrensburg Main Street (WMS) Monthly Update. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy.

WMS Grant Program: Grant applications were made available to help WMS District businesses for facade improvements (tuck pointing, windows, signage, awnings, etc.). DeBacker noted that requests were for larger projects than previous years, so the WMS Board will consider the best way to proceed.

Staff: Hollister was hired as a programing coordinator member who will focus on assisting with administrative tasks and events. A new hire will start Wednesday to oversee the Farmers Market.

319 N Holden: North wall of the sandstone. WMS and Mule Barn applications are still held up at the State. Checkered Tavern applied for a grant as well.

Star Theater: DeBacker noted that effective February 28, 2025, the Star Theater ownership will change. Hoping to be open by January 2026.

Building Rentals: 107 E Culton St (PCMR), 105 A South Holden Street (Borgman’s Bistro), and 105 S Holden St. (Marmee’s).

Beautification Projects: DeBacker reviewed various projects planned including murals, sculptures, chain link beads and dog stations. The Commissioners requested an additional dog station be added to the south portion of the courthouse and offered to pay for the unit. DeBacker stated she has grants to cover the costs.

Events:

- Foodie February: Each week for the month of February, participating restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, and all those in between will have a different special. Drink specials, sweet treats, appetizers, entrées.
- Love Letters to Downtown, February: Community members are encourage to write a love letter to their downtown, to a favorite local business, to the owner who makes them feel welcome, or to the bartender who knows their name.
- Piccadilly Fundraiser – March 21: This year’s Italian theme event is almost sold out. WMS budget, Heroes catering the food and Fitters catering the liquor but they are looking for servers. WMS earns 30% of their annual budget from this event.
- Prom Parade – April 5
- Third Wednesday Art Walk – April 16
- Burg Fest – October 10-11<sup>th</sup>: first planning meeting is this month

The Commissioners met with Jeff Lindsey, Director of Government Affairs; Jarad Falk, Senior Director of Government Affairs; Ky Nichols, Senior Director of Construction; and Mike Daniels, Construction Coordinator regarding Spectrum Communications’ request for Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Local Coordination Form. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director.

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF): Spectrum was allocated 7,000 miles for fiber installation in Johnson County under RDOF. As the project nears completion, around 300 miles originally designated under RDOF were returned to the state.

BEAD Miles: Lindsey reviewed the prepared presentation noting the areas that Spectrum would be applying for (designated by blue/green and orange colors) and do not include the areas that Spectrum defaulted on.

Project Reporting: Spectrum will provide quarterly updates via email or in-person meetings. Subcontractors will maintain communication with County Road and Bridge staff, and Johnson County will gain access to the Optical Light Transmission (OLT) system, providing additional insight into the project’s progress.

BEAD Application Deadline: BEAD application is due to the state by February 20, 2025, with a requested support letter deadline of February 18, 2025. Spectrum provided a draft Local Coordination Form for the County’s consideration as a starting point for its submission.

Low-Income Internet Assistance: Spectrum does not administer the federal Lifeline Program but offers its own assistance program, Spectrum Internet Assist (SIA).

Subcontractor Issues: Commissioner Kavanaugh raised concerns about subcontractors from Sunrise Communications who rented equipment and a trailer that were not returned. Nichols will contact Sunrise Communications to resolve the issue directly with the vendor instead of waiting for an insurance settlement.

The Commissioners met with Jason Skiljan, who reviewed services available through Starpoint Imaging for digitizing, converting physical documents like letters, photographs, maps, or other artifacts into digital formats by carefully scanning them with specialized equipment, then applying image enhancement techniques to ensure high quality, often including optical character recognition (OCR) to make the text searchable, and finally storing the digital files in a secure, accessible database system for preservation and easy access.

The monthly report of monies received in January 2025 by Diane Thompson, County Clerk was approved. Deposited with the Treasurer was \$12,342.74.

The Commissioners individually reviewed and approved previous minutes.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2025.

ATTEST:

Diane Thompson, County Clerk

Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

**RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT****14<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 4<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners attended the Crooked Plus Watershed Floodplain Mapping Meeting (virtual), hosted in Platte County. It was noted that the Johnson County Commission has a scheduling conflict with the February 6, 2025 meeting at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency.

**Project Overview:** The project started in 2015 and as technology has continued to develop, new data can assist with updating old floodplain maps with more accurate elevation data, hydrological modeling, and real-time climate insights. Modern mapping helps property owners better understand their flood risk, allowing for more informed decisions on insurance and mitigation efforts. Insurance companies benefit from improved risk assessments, leading to fairer premiums and coverage. Additionally, updated maps support smarter planning for future emergency response, business investments, and residential development, ensuring safer and more sustainable growth in flood-prone areas. The goal is to track a raindrop's journey from the top of the hill to the creek and ultimately to larger bodies of water. Flooding in the river or creek is not the only concern—it's also important to assess the impact on properties as stormwater flows toward the lake, river, or creek. This snapshot assumes there are no clogged culverts or bridges. The expectation is to reduce the "zone A" or make it more accurate. It was noted that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) redefined the former the 100-year flood to one percent (1%) flood risk. Project completion is expected in six (6) or seven (7) years.

**FEMA Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska):** Missouri and Mississippi Rivers are identified as major flooding sources.

**Floodplain Mapping Goals:** Develop a 2-D base map for future updates. Current elevation data is outdated (25 years old), posing accuracy challenges.

**US Army Corps of Engineers:** Hesitant to share data until finalized.

**Flooding Impacts:**

- Flood depth matters—six inches vs. waist-deep flooding has significantly different effects.
- Flood risk isn't just from rivers/creeks; stormwater movement toward water bodies must also be analyzed. Pluvial (surface water flooding): Heavy rainfall overwhelms drainage systems. Fluvial (river flooding): Rivers/streams overflow due to excessive rain or snowmelt.
- Flood Insurance Study (FIS) updates are needed whenever changes occur.
- Goal: Improve accuracy of Zone A flood areas and track stormwater movement from hilltops to creeks and out of the county.

**Data Needs:** Engineering and survey data on bridges and culverts for accurate mapping.

The transfer of funds for payroll of County Officials and employees for the period January 18, 2025 through January 31, 2025 was approved from County funds in the following amounts: **ARPA** Road and Bridge Department: \$41,589.99; Bridge Construction: \$23,648.11; Assessment: \$19,360.49; Auditor: \$6,540.41; County Clerk: \$18,319.58; Prosecuting Attorney: \$27,888.84; Sheriff: \$77,530.46; Jail: \$92,991.92; **ARPA** **Total: \$307,869.80.** County Revenue: \$48,566.91; Juvenile Officers: \$5,803.95; MoSMART Sal Supplement: \$1,326.67; Recovery Court – SAMHSA Grant: \$0.00; P.A. Child Support IV D: \$2,355.80; P.A. VOCA Grant: \$2,000.00; Grand Total: \$367,923.33.

The Commissioners met with Stephanie Truex for the Johnson County Community Health Services Monthly Update. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy.

**January Reported Cases:** 196 Flu A, 36 Flu B, and 128 COVID Cases

**Staffing:** Fully staffed at this time. Employment satisfactory survey was done again with results .

**Programming:**

- Parkinson Support Group
- Cooking Classes (hosted by University of Missouri Extension) starting March 13<sup>th</sup>
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception will be held April 1<sup>st</sup> 3-5

The Commissioners hosted a presentation by Dr. Steve Ritter, Warrensburg R-6 School District Superintendent, about their Bond Issue which will be on the April 2025 General Municipal Election. Present: Laura Smith, Collector; Mark Reynolds, Assessor; Diane Thompson, County Clerk; George Taylor, Assessor Elect; Tracy Brantner, Executive Director of Johnson County Economic Development Corporation. Dr. Ritter outlined the district's current challenges and potential bond-funded projects, including:

- New Early Childhood Center – The current facility at 1047 S. Maguire St. is subleased with a first right to purchase.
- Program Relocation & Preschool Expansion – Expanding full-day preschool would create additional classrooms in existing schools.
- Facility Improvements – Roof replacement and HVAC system upgrades.
- Bus Parking & Storage – A new facility for buses (First Student, formerly Apple Bus), with the company constructing its own fleet structure.

The proposed bond would not increase property taxes, except in cases where a property's assessed value decreases. If approved, the new Early Childhood Center is expected to open by January 2026.

Dr. Ritter emphasized the importance of investing in early childhood education for both the district and the community. With the property purchase, the district would acquire a gas station property, which could either be leased or operated as a revenue source.

An appropriation order was signed for the County Commissioners' adoption of the 2025 budget per a request from the State Auditor's office.

*Record of the January Term of the Johnson County Court 14<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 4<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025 continues on page 554.*

The Commissioners met with Jennifer Dameron, Director of External Affairs for Comcast regarding a request for the Commission to complete a Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Local Coordination Form. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director.

Dameron reviewed the prepared presentation for Comcast’s BEAD application for Johnson County miles of connectivity for fiber internet.

BEAD Miles: Brantner noted that some of the areas identified are in the incorporated areas of cities, and the Commissioners could only provide a Local Coordination Form for the unincorporated areas of Johnson County. Dameron will send updated information about the areas for the County to address in the form.

Project Reporting: Brantner reviewed that the County requires quarterly reporting with the Commission in addition to ongoing communication with the Road and Bridge Department during construction.

BEAD Application Deadline: BEAD application is due to the state by February 20, 2025, with a requested support letter deadline of February 19, 2025. Dameron will provide a draft Local Coordination Form for the County’s consideration as a starting point for its submission.

Low-Income Internet Assistance: Comcast does not administer the federal Lifeline Program but offers its own assistance program, Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and the Internet Essentials programs.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2025.

ATTEST:

Diane Thompson, County Clerk

Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT

15<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$609,362.62.

The Commissioners met with Kim Hall, 4-H Youth Development Specialist; Mitchell Moon, Labor and Workforce Development Specialist; Elaine Anderson, Extension Engagement Specialist; and Emma Boyle, Office Manager; and Allison Bolt, Extension Board President for the University of Missouri Extension Monthly Update; also present: Diane Thompson, County Clerk. The group reviewed the prepared report.

4-H and Youth Development: Hall reported that she and Dallas Dieckman have several youth activities going on: planning for the 2025 4-H camp, CLIMB High is int its 17<sup>th</sup> year and started January 15<sup>th</sup> for six weeks; Soccer for Success begins March 6<sup>th</sup>, after school evaluations at eight area schools to improve local programming. Additionally, the West Central Region judged Missouri Recognition forms to determine state level competitors and scholarship recipients with Johnson County sending a total of 10 participants to Regionals.

Labor and Workforce Development: Moon reported that he attended the MEDC public policy meeting to finalize their legislative strategy; joined the MU Career Accelerator team and presented the Career Accelerator program to the Lafayette and Johnson County Extension Councils.

Office Visits: Boyle reported on activities in the office for the month of January and the Extension Council annual dinner and installation of new board members on February 25, 2025

The closed session was cancelled due to scheduling conflict.

The Commissioners received correspondence from Trudy Faulkner, STRATA Architecture, acknowledged the delay in responding to Commissioner Kavanaugh and provided an update on efforts to obtain feedback from Ethan Starr with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding project approvals. Despite multiple attempts to reach him, she has not received a clear response on what will or will not be approved. She noted that their conversation before Christmas was positive, and they presented multiple avenues for approval. However, the project remains in the review process, with Starr indicating that it had been escalated for further review. She has not received any updates on the outcome and was informed that a variance review is underway, though no definitive stance has been provided.

Due to the lack of feedback, finalization of project details has been delayed as it impacts scheduling. Given the slow response, she has forwarded the cost estimate for planning purposes, assuming a March start date, with a total cost of \$6,328,007.00. She recommended discussing the prioritization of alternates to determine if any should be included in the base bid, expressing concerns about presenting too many alternates to the contractor.

Retail Liquor by the Drink Resort Liquor License

**Bodie’s Flip City 126 LLC** d/b/a Bodie’s Flip City 126, 126 West Pine St., Warrensburg MO requested and was granted a license to sell liquor by the drink resort. Effective January 15, 2025, the license shall expire June 30, 2025.

Fees received in January 2025 from Stormy Taylor, Recorder of Deeds were approved. Fees deposited with the Treasurer were \$32,010.20.

Laura Smith, Collector of Revenue, presented the tax distribution summary with total distribution of \$1,309,046.65 for January 2025.

The Commissioners received summary settlement from Treasurer Heather Reynolds.

The County Clerk’s Office received a petition to lower the speed limit on NE 251<sup>st</sup> Road between 13 Highway (Warrensburg bypass) and State Route V Highway to 30 miles per hour (MPH) for all vehicles. Once the signatures have been verified the petition will be presented to the Commission for consideration.

The County received a \$500.00 payment (number 18764) from Johnson County Ambulance District for the annual fee for the District’s use of the radio communications tower located at the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office 278 SW 871<sup>st</sup> Road, Centerview, Missouri; the check was deposited with the Treasurer.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

**RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners met with Darrin Tobias, Director and Shari Sims, Chief Deputy Director, regarding the bi-weekly Emergency Management Agency (EMA) update. Tobias and Sims shared a detailed report of trainings, seminars, and meetings that they and Deputy Director Luke Ekstrand have participated in over the past two weeks. Also discussed: the issue in Henry County regarding concerns over soil and water contamination at Montrose Lake. Johnson County EMA continues to monitor that situation. Commissioner Kavanaugh left during the EMA meeting due to a family emergency.

SkillBridge: Tobias also shared their possible participation in SkillBridge Program, a program that helps retiring military transition into civilian careers. EMA would provide an internship opportunity.

Siren Testing: The outdoor warning siren testing was postponed from last week to this week. With the pending inclement weather, the test might be postponed until March.

Burn Ban: Tobias asked for a position from the Commission on burn bans. Without a standing ordinance, the state fire marshal has be contacted for approval. He reported that Johnson County has been in a “moderate drought” rating for several months. EMA can make recommendations about not burning, but there is no penalty without an ordinance in place.

Heather Reynolds, Treasurer, submitted that January 2025 sales tax funds, which have been received, are now being distributed as follows: General Revenue (300 & 490): \$ 316,950.21 (includes Adult Use Marijuana Tax); Jail (310): \$151,643.49; County Law Enforcement-Prop P (311): \$270,633.26; Animal Services (312): \$67,578.49; Road and Bridge (315): \$303,288.39; Law Enforcement-Cities & County (360): \$303,288.61; Road Use Tax (501): \$425,708.02. Reynolds also provided the Commission with an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting.

Commissioners Matthews and Sproat met with Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor regarding preparations for the upcoming winter weather forecast. Tye reported that the amount of snowfall is estimated between four and eight inches with the majority of it expected for Wednesday. Also discussed was a request by a citizen for speed bumps on Veteran’s Road in the Cayhill subdivision to slow down drivers. It was determined that the road in question was inside Warrensburg city limits. Tye also asked for clarification on whether maintenance of HH Hwy belongs to the County or the City of Warrensburg since it is inside city limits. Thompson will follow up with an inquiry to Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Commissioner Sproat attended the Military Airport Zoning Commission at Knob Noster City Hall which was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Kavanaugh attended the KOKO Radio Broadcast: Johnson County Today. Discussion included county projects, sales tax revenue and the April 12, 2025 Community Clean Up and Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve and authorize Presiding Commissioner Matthews to sign the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Missouri Office of Broadband Development: Local Coordination Template Letter for Applicant: Spectrum Mid-America, LLC (Charter Communications, Inc.). Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve BRO-R051(41) Bridge 1740004 (NE 500 Road over Branch of Walnut Creek) Project Invoice 9 with \$7,636.65 paid to Great River Engineering to be paid from Bridge Construction, Consulting Engineer (006-000-57813) and MoDOT to reimburse the County \$7,636.65 into Bridge Construction, Intergovernmental Revenue (006-000-45210). Motion approved unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the BRO R05141 project for Bridge 1740004 NE 500 Walnut Creek Branch with Matt Fazio, Bridge Project Manager for Great River Engineering. There are utility lines on the north side of the bridge: AT&T is underground in the county right of way and overhead on utility poles.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT  
18<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025

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The Commissioners reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$164,070.66.

The Commissioners met with Darrin Tobias, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director and Luke Ekstrand EMA Deputy Director. Tobias reviewed EMA’s efforts to update the Johnson County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) with the drafted documents sent for review on January 27, 2025. Commissioner Sproat motioned to approve the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) Promulgation Statement for signing. Commissioner Kavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve and authorize Presiding Commissioner Matthews to sign the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Missouri Office of Broadband Development: Local Coordination Template Letter for Applicant: Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Matthews attended the Whiteman Area Leadership Council.

Johnson County received check #14358921 from Republic Services, Inc c/o Awin Management c/o Allied Waste Services in the amount of \$11,701.58 which represents the host fee for January 2025 (no tonnage or rate were provided for this check) was received on February 13, 2025 from the Show Me Regional Landfill.

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Matt Johnson, VP of Local Coordination and Outreach for Strategic Management LLC regarding Request for Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Local Coordination Form. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk, and Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director. Johnson provided an overview of efforts to assemble a consortium of six (6) companies to apply for BEAD mileage allocation. Brantner outlined Johnson County’s Right of Way processes, commitment to supporting fiber installation, and jurisdiction over unincorporated areas. Commissioners Matthews and Sproat thanked Johnson for his time and wished the consortium success in their application. Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Treasurer Heather Reynolds regarding the Certificate of Deposit (CD) Renewal and Additional Investments; also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Reynolds presented the CD rates from responsive local banks and her recommendations.

Order: 20250213-01 Reinvestment of General Revenue – Special Project into a Certificate of Deposit  
WHEREAS, pursuant to 110.270 Revised Statutes of Missouri Counties may place money not needed for current operations outright or by repurchase agreement, requirement. — Any county may place money of the county which it has determined is not needed for current operations in obligations described in Section 15, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, outright or by repurchase agreement. Such obligations and agreements shall be purchased through institutions in the county whose deposits may be insured by an agency of the United States government, hereafter referred to as federally insured institutions, provided the county determines such purchases to be in the best interest of the county as determined by the county treasurer. When such federally insured institutions are unwilling or unable to provide such obligations and agreements, the county may purchase them from federally insured institutions in any adjacent county in Missouri. The investment authority granted by this section shall be in addition to the investment authority otherwise granted a county by law; and,  
WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024 the Johnson County Commissioners directed Treasurer Heather Reynolds to take four (4) increments of \$250,000, totaling one million dollars, and invest those in staggering certificate of deposits (CDs) every three (3) months; and,  
WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024 the Johnson County Commission directed Heather Reynolds, Treasurer, to withdraw \$250,000.00 from General Revenue – Special Projects (001-081-57850) and, invest those General Revenue Funds into a Certificate of Deposit (CD) through F & C Bank for a period of six (six) months at a fixed rate of five-point three five percent (5.35%); and  
WHEREAS, with the six-month term expiring, the Johnson County Commissioners requested Treasurer Heather Reynolds contact local banks to identify certificate of deposits (CDs) interest rates to reinvest \$250,000.00; and,  
WHEREAS, Reynolds contacted banks in Johnson County, Missouri for CD interest rates; and,  
WHEREAS, the following rates were received:

Bank	Months	Rate	Initial Deposit	Estimated Total Interest	Estimated Ending Balance
F & C Bank	6	4.40%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,550.66	\$ 255,550.66
Central Bank	6	4.25%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,359.76	\$ 55,359.76
Community National Bank	6	4.50%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,563.10	\$ 255,678.00

NOW, THEREFORE, the Johnson County Commission hereby directs Heather Reynolds, Treasurer, to complete the following:

- Reinvest \$250,000.00 into a Certificate of Deposit (CD) through F & C Bank for a period of six (six) months at a fixed rate of four point four zero percent (4.40%), and  
Deposit interest earned into a fund titled General Revenue – Investment Interest (001-000-44335).



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**18<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

Order: 20250213-02 Investment of General Revenue – Emergency Funds into a Certificate of Deposit (CD)  
WHEREAS, pursuant to 110.270 Revised Statutes of Missouri Counties may place money not needed for current operations outright or by repurchase agreement, requirement. — Any county may place money of the county which it has determined is not needed for current operations in obligations described in Section 15, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, outright or by repurchase agreement. Such obligations and agreements shall be purchased through institutions in the county whose deposits may be insured by an agency of the United States government, hereafter referred to as federally insured institutions, provided the county determines such purchases to be in the best interest of the county as determined by the county treasurer. When such federally insured institutions are unwilling or unable to provide such obligations and agreements, the county may purchase them from federally insured institutions in any adjacent county in Missouri. The investment authority granted by this section shall be in addition to the investment authority otherwise granted a county by law; and,  
WHEREAS, on July 2, 2024 the Johnson County Commissioners directed Treasurer Heather Reynolds to take four (4) increments of \$250,000, totaling one million dollars, and invest those in staggering certificate of deposits (CDs) every three (3) months; and,  
WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commissioners requested Treasurer Heather Reynolds contact local banks to identify certificate of deposits (CDs) interest rates to invest \$250,000.00; and,  
WHEREAS, Reynolds contacted banks in Johnson County, Missouri for CD interest rates; and,  
WHEREAS, the following rates were received:

Bank	Months	Rate	Initial Deposit	Estimated Total Interest	Estimated Ending Balance
F & C Bank	6	4.40%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,550.66	\$ 255,550.66
Central Bank	6	4.25%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,359.76	\$ 255,359.76
Community National Bank	6	4.50%	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,563.10	\$ 255,678.00

NOW, THEREFORE, the Johnson County Commission hereby directs Heather Reynolds, Treasurer, to complete the following:

- Withdraw \$250,000.00 from General Revenue – Special Projects (001-081-57850) and,
- Invest those Funds into a Certificate of Deposit (CD) through Community National Bank for a period of 6 (six) months at a fixed rate of four and one-half percent (4.50%).

The Commissioners approved a Johnson County Commission Bridge Project Update to be posted on County social media and the County Road and Bridge Department’s webpage; a similar news release was sent to local newspapers and radio stations.

What’s happening with the SW 1621<sup>st</sup> Road bridge project as of February 12, 2025? Johnson County Commission is moving forward with replacing Bridge 5970003 (SW 1621<sup>st</sup> Road over Scaly Bark Creek). The project, engineered by OWN, Inc., has reached several key milestones

Where does the project stand now?

- Preliminary Designs and plans have been approved by MoDOT, pending any requested revisions.
- National Environmental Policy Act clearance received from MoDOT’s Request for Environmental Review.
- Easement documentation is complete and waiting on MoDOT approval to begin discussions with effected landowners.

What’s next? OWN will submit ROW plans and easement documentation for approval to receive A-Date and the ability to start conversations with effected landowners to acquire easement for construction.

How can the community stay informed? The Johnson County Commission will continue to provide updates as the project progresses. Thank you for your patience and support!

The Law Enforcement Tax City Distribution for January 2025 distribution was made by Auditor Chad Davis on February 13, 2025, as follows: Centerview: \$1,493.09; Chilhowee: \$1,972.13; Holden: \$15,046.91; Kingsville: \$1,540.86; Knob Noster: \$14,758.93; Leeton: \$3,710.89; Warrensburg: \$97,957.06. The total distribution was \$136,479.87. The county portion was \$166,808.74.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner



RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT  
19<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to approve and authorize Presiding Commissioner Matthews to sign the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Missouri Office of Broadband Development: Local Coordination Template Letter for Applicant: Strategic Management LLC. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Matthews reviewed that on February 14, 2025 he approved the Business 13 Highway Rehabilitation Bid Addendum of the construction deadline from August 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025.

The Commissioners met with Mitch Marquess regarding Building and Grounds Update; also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Discussion included:

- Justice Center: APEX will replace the gate valve for the water heater tower next week.
- Justice Center: Large Courtroom heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit needs repair.
- Salt Supply: The courthouse's special low-impact salt is nearly depleted due to increased winter weather. Once exhausted, staff will use a more abrasive salt for ice prevention.
- Utility Vehicle Salt Spreader: Currently inoperative. Road and Bridge recommends switching to a proven brand, with replacement scheduled for summer.

The transfer of funds for payroll of County Officials and employees for the period February 1, 2025 through February 14, 2025 was approved from County funds in the following amounts: **ARPA** Road and Bridge Department: \$43,490.56; Bridge Construction: \$23,595.58; Assessment: \$19,358.19; Auditor: \$6,540.41; County Clerk: \$17,772.03; Prosecuting Attorney: \$28,329.66; Sheriff: \$76,604.32; Jail: \$92,963.08; **ARPA** **Total: \$308,653.83.** County Revenue: \$50,324.79; Juvenile Officers: \$4,826.23; MoSMART Sal Supplement: \$1,326.67; Recovery Court – SAMHSA Grant: \$0.00; P.A. Child Support IV D: \$1,765.40; P.A. VOCA Grant: \$2,000.00; Grand Total: \$368,897.12.

Laura Smith, Collector of Revenue, presented:

- Tax distribution summary for January 2025 was \$7,534,535.78.
- Railroad and utility and private car tax collection distributions for July 2024 was \$1,836.21.
- Missouri Clean Energy District (MECD) – Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) was \$7,798.00 for inclusion on the 2024-2025 County Tax Roll for Alan M Aker; Kenneth J & Sara E Baker; and Duane A Edington.

The City of Knob Noster and Johnson County Monthly Meeting was cancelled.

The Johnson County Trails Coalition Meeting was cancelled.

The Commissioners individually reviewed and approved previous minutes.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

**RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

Commissioner Matthews reviewed that he approved moving the Business 13 Highway Rehabilitation Bid deadline to 1:00 p.m. and opening to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2025, allowing bidders to update bids due to the construction deadline change and weather conditions.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Henry County Commission regarding potential contamination in Henry County. The letter noted that they were informed of litigation against Evergy, which operated a coal fired power plan, near Montrose from 1958 to 2018. The suit filed was by a resident over concerns of soil and water contamination. The Contamination may affect Montrose Lake and potentially any tributaries or bodies of water connected to it, including Deepwater Creek and Truman Lake. While no definitive conclusions have been reached at this time, the Commission wanted to ensure that all neighboring and downstream counties are aware of the situation. Henry County will be doing a third-party testing to better assess the extent of the issue and will share the test results, once they become available.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$110,312.04.

At 9:42 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Johnson County Courthouse, a motion was made by Commissioner Sproat and seconded by Commissioner Kavanaugh to close the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri relating to (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or any agent or entity representing its interests or acting on its behalf or with its authority, including any insurance company acting on behalf of a public government body as its insured, shall be made public upon final disposition of the matter voted upon or upon the signing by the parties of the settlement agreement, unless, prior to final disposition, the settlement agreement is ordered closed by a court after a written finding that the adverse impact to a plaintiff or plaintiffs to the action clearly outweighs the public policy considerations of section 610.011, however, the amount of any moneys paid by, or on behalf of, the public governmental body shall be disclosed; provided, however, in matters involving the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the vote shall be announced or become public immediately following the action on the motion to authorize institution of such a legal action. Legal work product shall be considered a closed record. Roll was called on the motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Matthews, Sproat, Kavanaugh. "ABSTAIN" None. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

Also in attendance: Diane Thompson, County Clerk; Travis Elliott, Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. (County Legal Counsel) and Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Laura Smith, Collector; and George Taylor, Assessor Elect.

At 10:37 a.m. Laura Smith, Collector and George Taylor, Assessor Elect left the meeting.

At 10:38 a.m. Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the meeting.

At 12:40 p.m. Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor, left the meeting.

At 12:54 p.m. having no further business to discuss with regard to the matter before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Kavanaugh and seconded by Commissioner Sproat to adjourn the closed portion of the meeting and proceed with the open meeting. Roll was called on the motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Matthews, Sproat, Kavanaugh. "ABSTAIN" None. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

During the closed session, the following decisions were made by the Commission:

**NW 215 Road Maintenance:**

- a. Signage: Road and Bridge change the road number sign to be a green color, designating the road is county-maintained. Road and Bridge install a "County Maintenance Ends" sign, the Commissioners noted they wanted the county maintenance to stop where the asphalt begins.
- b. Measurement Update: Road and Bridge will notify MoDOT of the correct roadway measurement for CART Road List accuracy.

**Bid of certain materials for Road and Bridge:** the Commission determined that no changes would be made to the way aggregate rock and bulk fuel are currently bid.

**Courthouse Historic Property Preservation:** Commissioner Matthews suggested waiting for clarification from SHPO before involving legal counsel.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of the following invoices from Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission:

- 2025 Johnson County Military Airport Zoning – \$5,000.00
- 2025 Johnson County Trails Coalition (Spirit Trail) – \$3,200.00

It was noted that while Pioneer Trails oversees the administration of these projects, the Trails Coalition maintains its own secretary rather than relying on Pioneer Trails for staffing that role.

Additionally, the Commissioners discussed the \$6,709.28 payment made on January 30, 2025, for semi-annual membership in Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission.

The Commissioners also reviewed Pioneer Trails' offer to provide geographic information system (GIS) services, including: creating or updating mapping layers, maintaining mapping layers for improved data management, publishing information online to enhance accessibility and public services. However, the Commissioners noted that the Assessor's Office already maintains GIS layers on the county's existing system, which is also available online for public access.

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**20<sup>th</sup> Day's Proceedings, 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

Commissioner Kavanaugh spoke with county resident Justin Thomas about ongoing issues with SW 300<sup>th</sup> Road near the SW 701<sup>st</sup> Road intersection and neighboring property owner James Jackson. Kavanaugh stated the Commission was unaware SW 300<sup>th</sup> Road was not being maintained and has discussed options with the Road and Bridge Supervisor, including reinstalling a bridge or box culvert to fully reopen the road. He noted that the county will place gravel, widen, and maintain the road west of the former bridge site. Thomas expressed concern about preserving a hedge tree in his yard if the bridge is rebuilt but requested the removal of two oak trees at SW 701/SW 300. Thomas recalled a past meeting with Road and Bridge Supervisor Gary Bell, Western Commissioner Bob Baner, and property owners C.L. Gudde and himself, during which Baner saw no value in repairing the existing bridge, leading to its removal. Property owner Paul Rodgers had asked for the bridge to be replaced but did not live on the road and had no property there. Regarding a property dispute between James Jackson and Caleb Thomas, Justin Thomas stated the barn his son lives in was built in 1982 by former owner Don Hume and has remained in the same location. He refuted Jackson's claim that the barn was removed and replaced. Hume had originally subdivided the properties now owned by Justin and Caleb Thomas.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

**RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Day's Proceedings, 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Not Present: Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Darrin Tobias, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director; Shari Sims, EMA Chief Deputy Director; Luke Ekstrand, EMA Deputy Director; for the EMA Update. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy.

- International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) (soccer) World Cup 2026 Impact due to Kansas City hosting part of the tournament.
- Tornado Drill: Intent is to involve the area schools to ensure that schools are prepared.
- National Weather Service – Storm Spotter Training: 19 individuals participated
- Healthcare Coalition: Reestablish quarterly meetings with trainings at the meetings.

Commissioner Sproat motioned to approve the Proclamation of the Johnson County Commission of the State of Missouri Proclaiming March 2-8, 2025 as Thank a Farmer Week in Johnson County, Missouri. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers are among the most productive in the world, providing a diverse and abundant food supply to meet the needs of today's consumers; and WHEREAS, a single U.S. farmer produces enough food and fiber to feed 169 people both domestically and internationally; and WHEREAS, U.S. consumers spend less than 13% of their disposable income on food each year; and WHEREAS, beyond providing food, America's farmers and ranchers sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitats, and contribute to environmental stewardship; and WHEREAS, agriculture plays a vital role in both the national economy and the economy of every county in Missouri; and WHEREAS, farmers are dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to ensure a food supply that is abundant, affordable, and among the safest in the world; and WHEREAS, Missouri is home to nearly 90,000 farms spanning 27 million acres of farmland; and WHEREAS, nearly 90% of Missouri farms are family-owned, with generations committed to producing a safe and secure food supply for consumers locally and globally; and WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry support more than one in ten Missouri jobs, underscoring the industry's significance to our state's workforce and economy; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, in recognition of the dedication and contributions of our farmers, the Johnson County Commission joins the County Farm Bureau in declaring March 2-8, 2025, as THANK A FARMER WEEK in Johnson County, Missouri. We encourage all residents to take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate the hard work of our farmers and to reflect on the essential role agriculture plays in our daily lives and communities.

The Animal Shelter Update was cancelled.

Heather Reynolds, Treasurer, presented a list of opioid settlements received with interest; the current fund balance as of February 24, 2025 is \$202,567.33.

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Tracy Brantner, Executive Director of Johnson County Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC) for a monthly update; also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Brantner reviewed:

Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program – Local Coordination Forms: The following forms have been prepared by JCEDC and signed by the Commission

- o Connect Holding (Brightspeed) sent January 9, 2025: Chilhowee, Leeton, Holden, Kingsville, larger unincorporated gaps in the northeast, southeast and northwest corners of Johnson County.
- o Comcast Cable Communications sent February 13, 2025: Northwest corner of Johnson County, northeast and east of Holden and possibly Holden.
- o Spectrum Mid-America LLC, sent February 13, 2025: Areas remaining across Johnson County including Chilhowee, Leeton, Holden, Kingsville and larger unincorporated gaps in the northeast, southeast and northwest corners of Johnson County. Not to include census tracts released by Spectrum in 2024.
- o Strategic Management LLC, sent February 18, 2025: Post Oak area, northeast and east of Holden and possibly Holden.
- o Socket Telecom, LLC, form pending: Areas unconfirmed.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Brantner noted that the Commissioners asked JCEDC to be a part of the Johnson County Recovery Team so they have been providing administrative assistance for ARPA funds.

ARPA-Water Resource Match (WRM) Grant Program

Application	Applicant	50% Local Cost Share	50% County ARPA Funds	Total Project Costs
ARPA-WRM-001 Drinking Water: OSHA Water Tower Rehabilitation – Construction work is complete 251 Well #3 – Flynn Drilling Company contracted to start project April 2025	Public Water Supply District #3	\$387,500.00	\$387,500.00	\$775,000.00
ARPA-WRM-003 Drinking Water: Internal and external painting of water tower – Viking Industrial Painting contracted to complete the work	City of Centerview	\$35,650.00	\$35,650.00	\$71,300.00
ARPA-WRM-004 Drinking Water: Replacement of water meters and fire hydrants – Empire Electric Services and Technologies has begun work	City of Leeton	\$137,500.00	\$137,500.00	\$275,000.00
ARPA-WRM-005 Wastewater: Infiltration and Inflow – SMICO is in the investigation process Drinking Water: Water Tower(s) Rehabilitation (construction) – No update	City of Knob Noster	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
ARPA-WRM-006 ARPA-WRM-007a ARPA-WRM-007b Wastewater: Water Treatment Facility Improvement – Project waiting on final engineering Stormwater: South Pine Street Storm Sewer and Curb – Engineering Surveys & Services hired for stormwater services Government Services: Stormwater/Open Ditch Equipment – In procurement phase	City of Holden	\$233,900.00	\$233,900.00	\$467,800.00
ARPA-WRM-008 Clean Water - Wastewater collection and conveyance: Ebara Dry Pit Pump removal, inspection, repair/replacement – No update	City of Chilhowee	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$22,000.00

Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) and Missouri Certified Economic Development Processional (MoCED): From February 10-12, 2025, Brantner attended the MEDC Economic Issues Summit as Chairman of the Professional Development Committee and the MoCED program. Seventeen presenters led MoCED Pre-Exam Courses, and two new professionals were certified after meeting all requirements and passing the 150-question exam. This brings the total number of MoCEDs to 42.

Central Missouri Economic Development Alliance (CMEDA) – Regional Labor Availability Study: The CMEDA regional group, representing Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Saline, and Pettis Counties, has contracted the Docking Institute to conduct a regional labor availability study covering the entire labor shed area. The survey, set to begin in March, will assess factors such as the available labor pool, workforce characteristics, expected wages and benefits, job preferences, and current job satisfaction.

JCEDC Staffing: hiring for Small Business Counselor, applicants are limited to those not currently employed in fields that could be considered competitive in nature of other businesses.

Brownfield Assessment Funds are currently available if the Commission wanted to send an application for 135 W. Market Street.

The Commissioners individually reviewed and approved previous minutes.

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**21<sup>st</sup> Day's Proceedings, 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Discussion included the Spectrum’s over 450 Right of Way Projects that have not been closed out. While Spectrum claims 85% of the projects are complete, Road and Bridge has yet to confirm the work. The 100 incomplete ROW projects span over 75 miles. Past ROW requirements set a minimum bond of \$1,000 per mile and current is based on the number and types of cuts/segments. It was noted that a \$150,000 bond is on file; however, the Commissioners agreed this bond applies only to previous applications. A new bond will be required for Spectrum’s two new ROW applications.

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat denied the following Right of Way applications requested by Spectrum Mid-America and Cat 5 Construction Services LLC:

	Road	Location	Note	Start Date	End Date
2025-001	NW 700 DENIED	178 NW 700 <sup>th</sup> to 181 NW 700 <sup>th</sup> North. Boring 170 feet	1 parallel cut & 1 perpendicular cut	2/13/2025	2/24/2025
2025-002	SE 700 DENIED	9 SE 700 <sup>th</sup> . Bore 67 feet	1 perpendicular cut	2/12/2025	2/22/2025

The sign installation request on the county-owned ROW at 246 NW Business 13 Highway was also discussed.

The Commissioners received documents regarding the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Payment in Lieu of Property Tax for 2024 from Collector Laura Smith. Dispersed funds were as follows: State \$11.83, County \$118.87, Road and Bridge \$135.04, Library \$98.39, Hospital \$82.30, Health \$38.92, Sheltered Workshop \$20.42, R-7 School \$662.02, R-8 School \$88.05, SR-7 School \$160.30, SR-2 School \$120.25, HR-1 School \$331.55, Fire District 1 \$46.39, Sedalia State Fair Community College \$18.42, Ambulance \$2.49; for a total of \$1,935.14.

Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Sproat met with Adriatik Likcani, Nathan Wasmer, and Amanda Rowland with the Recovery Lighthouse for a presentation of the success of the Johnson County Recovery Court. Also present: Heather Reynolds, Treasurer and Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Likcani reviewed his background and a review of a five-year review of the Johnson County Recovery Court. Likcani noted that Johnson County was not awarded the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Likcani requested the County Commission hand over the settlement funds to Judge Brent Teichman to spend the monies as he sees fit. Rowland and Wasmer shared their testimonies through Johnson County Recovery Court. Reynolds will contact Judge Teichman to confirm his desired involvement.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Not Present  
Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

**RECORD OF THE JANUARY TERM OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURT**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Day's Proceedings, 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025**

The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$14,317.27.

The Commissioners met with Mike Schrage, City Manager and Kristen Dorman, Assistant City Manager for the City of Warrensburg for the monthly meeting. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director. Discussion included an overview of Schrage’s background, the upcoming start of the new trash service next week, and the addition of four-way stops, though details were uncertain. County projects discussed included the Courthouse HVAC renovations, the demolition of 122 Hout Street, re-roofing of the Justice Center, and the resurfacing of Business 13, both north and south of Warrensburg, extending to MoDOT’s roundabouts.

Driveway/Road Application: Commissioner Matthews contacted Gina Carlyle regarding a request to establish a driveway/road on Business 13 Highway, providing access to Parcel 12101200000001800. He reviewed the Commission’s January 27, 2025, decision to deny a similar request made by Tyler Jordan. Matthews noted that the road surface will be updated this year, including the expansion of turning lanes for 240-246 NW Business 13 Highway. The proposed driveway would be located within or near the turning lane, posing concerns. Also considered was the elevation change and the speed limit. He also reviewed alternative access options, including NW 11<sup>th</sup> Road, access through the existing Jaguar Estates Subdivision, or obtaining an easement to use the entrance serving 240-246 NW Business 13.

The Commissioners discussed options for relocating Courthouse Offices in preparation for renovations:

	Pros	Cons
Using Staff for the Move (Road and Bridge Staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost Savings: No need to pay an external company.</li><li>• Control: Greater oversight of the process and prioritization of items.</li><li>• Scheduling: Could move offices as they were prepared to relocate.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time-Consuming: Pulls employees away from their regular duties.</li><li>• Physical Strain &amp; Risk of Injury: Increases liability for workplace injuries.</li><li>• Lack of Expertise: Staff may not be efficient or equipped for heavy or delicate items.</li><li>• Supplies: Will require purchase or rental of moving supplies (boxes, dollies, carts, etc.)</li></ul>
Using a Moving Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Efficiency &amp; Speed: Professional movers are experienced and work faster.</li><li>• Proper Equipment: They have tools, dollies, and packing materials for safe transport.</li><li>• Reduced Liability: Less risk of employee injuries or damage to items</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost: Hiring movers can be expensive and would require bidding.</li><li>• Scheduling Constraints: Will have to work around the moving company's availability and may require all offices to be moved at the same time.</li></ul>

It was also discussed that the move will occur twice, moving out of and moving back into the Courthouse.

The Commissioners met with Dusty Onwiler of New Environmental Concepts to review the 122 Hout Street Asbestos Inspection & Assessment Report. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Tracy Brantner, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director. Onwiler noted that the 2022 commercial appraisal by Larry Moore was thorough and accurately documented the building's history. He confirmed that this report completes Section One of the agreement for the Asbestos Bulk Sample Survey and Assessment. The initial estimated lump sum cost was \$5,355.45, but Onwiler completed the work with a \$300 savings, bringing the final invoice to \$5,055.45. The Commissioners agreed to pay this from Commission Administration – Special Projects.

Next Steps

- Moisture: Onwiler reported some groundwater penetration in the basement, likely due to the hillside.
- Indemnification Form: Onwiler recommended anyone (contractors, county staff, etc.) who wants or needs to cross the building threshold should sign the indemnification form; if not, no access is granted. Onwiler noted that the indemnification form should be sent with the request for bid (RFB) and a note should be made that attendees must provide their own personal protection equipment (PPE), as none will be provided by the owner.
- Air Scrubbing: Onwiler recommended that three (3) triple-filter air scrubbers be used 5-7 days prior to any site visit, pre-bid, or pre-construction meeting noting that remediation workers are more comfortable in a facility when safety efforts are made.
- Structural Engineer: Onwiler observed that the adjoining wall and roof may have cross-tied brick, which could impact 120 Hout Street's structural integrity. He suggested hiring a structural engineer to develop demolition specifications.
- Abatement: No quotes were received as part of the original scope, but Onwiler is willing to obtain them. He does not anticipate high abatement costs, though asbestos and other minor items will need to be addressed. Once abatement begins, the building must have no power so the County's removal of any items should be done prior to abatement.
- Proposal for Abatement & Demolition Assistance: Onwiler will update the drafted proposal to breakdown:
  - Prepare abatement specifications
  - Assist with demolition walkthroughs & pre-bid meetings
  - Prequalify bidders
  - Conduct air monitoring before and after abatement

Commissioner Kavanaugh stated reservations about proceeding due to the unknown expense of the Courthouse heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) project. Commissioner Matthews recommended obtaining abatement estimates. The Commissioners directed Brantner to contact McClure Engineering to define the scope of work for a structural engineer to draft demolition bid specifications. The Commissioners agreed that understanding potential costs will help guide their future decisions.

The Commissioners met with Scott Sims, Sales Director, and Melinda Urquidez from Premier Broadband (PB) regarding a request for a Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Local Coordination Form. Also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Tracy Brantner, Executive Director of the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation.

Fiber Installation Plans: Sims provided an overview of PB's background and experience with fiber installation. The proposed service area includes the City of Holden (covering 1,108 unserved locations, including areas southeast and northeast of Holden) and the southern portion of Kingsville (447 unserved locations). Sims also offered to submit applications for additional areas identified by the Commission as needing service. The group reviewed and discussed the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Office of Broadband Development (OBD) Broadband Map. Sims noted that approximately 90% of the fiber installation would be aerial. Brantner recommended early engagement with local utility companies to address potential approval challenges. She also reviewed that Johnson County has a right-of-way ordinance and application process, requiring a minimum quarterly reporting meeting for larger projects.

User Plans: Sims outlined PB's current residential service plans, starting at \$49 per month. The BEAD-eligible plan includes high-speed (1GB) and low-cost internet (\$30/month for 100x100 Mbps), available to communities reached by the BEAD project. BEAD Installation costs are covered under a two-year agreement, with eligibility determined by the OBD.

Local Coordination Form: PB was pre-qualified to submit their BEAD project application with an extended deadline of March 5<sup>th</sup>. PB requested the County's Local Coordination Form by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brantner reviewed that Johnson County would only submit a Local Coordination Form for unincorporated area.



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Commissioner Matthews noted he will need to appoint a new member to the Law Enforcement Restitution Fund (LERF) with the recent passing of John McEwan (RSMo. 50.565.1).

Petition for Speed Limit Reduction – NE 251<sup>st</sup> Road

The Commissioners reviewed a petition requesting a speed limit reduction on NE 251<sup>st</sup> Road (from Highway 13 to Highway V) from 40 mph to 30 mph. Also Present: Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor; Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy. Commissioner Kavanaugh expressed opposition to the reduction, noting that enforcement would not be practical. Commissioner Matthews stated that while he was not entirely opposed if it satisfied property owners, he saw no need to consider the matter further given the lack of enforcement. Commissioner Sproat added that truck drivers could face penalties from their employers if their speed was being tracked for compliance.

Commissioner Kavanaugh moved to deny the speed limit reduction, with Commissioner Sproat seconding. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Matthews will notify the petition carrier, Matt Carter, of the Commission's decision.

The Commissioners met with Jimmy Tye, Road and Bridge Supervisor, also present: Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy.

Dust Control Product: The Commissioners reviewed and agreed to have the Road and Bridge Department apply *End Dust Magnesium Chloride Flakes* (by Chemical Industries) to the landfill roads off DD Highway (SE 401<sup>st</sup> Road and SE 421<sup>st</sup> Road) instead of bidding out the dust control application. They also noted that, if feasible, coordinating a shared shipment with Bates County would be ideal to minimize shipping costs. The estimated purchase price for Johnson County's product is expected to be under \$12,000.

Gravel Road Maintenance: Tye reported that due to the recent thawing of snowfall, all gravel roads require maintenance, including additional rock and grading. Commissioner Sproat noted receiving a call from Bob Bartlett regarding the need for gravel on NE 375<sup>th</sup> Road near the Riverwood Subdivision.

Reclaim to Gravel Roads (discussed November 14, 2024): Tye noted that due to frequent gravel needs throughout the winter, the Department has been unable to reclaim roads to gravel with Base One stabilization so the surface could harden in preparation for chip sealing this summer.

Reclaim to Gravel, Stabilize with Base One and Apply Double Chip and Seal

- NW 391 and NW 145 (from 50 Hwy to NW 361- Fairgrounds)
- NE 500 (from 23 Hwy to MM Hwy)
- NE 500 (from 23 Hwy to FF Hwy)
- SW 101 (from BB Hwy to SW 325)
- SW 101 (from Division to Railroad Tracks)
- NW 151 (from Division to 50 Hwy)
- NW 1601 (from NW 450 to 50 Hwy)
- SW 125 and SW 1421 (from 131 Highway to Division)

Spirit Trail Maintenance: Tye reported that he met with a representative from Vance Brothers, who recommended using Ultra Seal—a product thinner than a micro seal—which is similar to what was applied to the City of Warrensburg's portion. The group discussed including county-maintained portion of the Spirit Trail's ultra seal (or a similar product) as a bid alternate in the Road Micro Seal Request for Bids.

Road Surfaces: Tye expressed interest in eventually transitioning some chip seal roads to asphalt, as asphalt provides a more durable, long-lasting surface. He explained that chip seal was originally designed to extend the lifespan of asphalt or concrete roads. However, when used as the primary hard surface instead of as a protective layer, frequent maintenance becomes necessary due to harsh weather and heavy vehicle use. Commissioner Kavanaugh inquired whether the Department has the necessary equipment to maintain asphalt roads. Tye confirmed that the Department has a laydown machine with a floating screed for asphalt application. However, he noted that asphalt is not available year-round because it must be kept hot and is not produced in cold weather. Additionally, the Department typically does not perform chip sealing from November through April.

The Commissioners approve a Right of Way (ROW) completion and release for Spectrum-Mid America, LLC with Contractor Sunrise Telecom:

- 2023-145 | SE 101<sup>st</sup> Road: Plow/Bore 988 feet. Nearest intersecting road: State Route Y
  - Road and Bridge Inspection reports: most installation is arial and is complete and installed on utility poles, not in the ground.

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The Commissioners held a bid opening for Business 13 Highway Rehabilitation. County Commission requested bids to select a single Bidder to rehabilitate approximately 5 miles of pavement along Co. Rd. Business 13 in Johnson County, MO including 2” milling and asphalt overlay and approximately 2,000 SY of full depth pavement repair. All associated pavement marking is also included. The request for bids was posted on the Drexel Technologies eDistribution plan room website (www.drexeltech.com). The request for bids was advertised in the Warrensburg Star Journal in the January 25, 2025 printed newspaper and on the Johnson County website (www.jococourthouse.com). Questions and clarifications were to be submitted by Bidders before 1:00 p.m. on February 13, 2025. A February 18, 2025, addendum extending the Period of Performance Completion Day was updated from August 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025, was issued. A February 19, 2025, addendum extending the bid submission deadline was changed to February 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and bids will be opened and read aloud February 25, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., was issued. Bids for Business 13 Highway Rehabilitation were opened at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Present at the opening: Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charlie Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; Jimmy Tye, County Road and Bridge Supervisor; Jennifer Powers, County Clerk Chief Deputy; Aaron McVicker, McClure Engineering; Darren Woods, Emery Sapp and Sons; and Eric Stuckenschneider, Capital Paving and Construction. The following bids were received:

CONTRACTOR	BID RECEIVED	BID AMOUNT
<b>Emery Sapp and Sons</b> Columbia, Missouri	February 25, 2025 at 11:50 a.m.	\$1,729,249.05
<b>Capital Paving and Construction</b> Linn Creek, Missouri	February 25, 2025 at 12:35 p.m.	\$1,868,886.12

Commissioner Kavanaugh motioned and Commissioner Sproat seconded to take the bids under advisement until March 3, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

The Commissioners and County Clerk Thompson attended the University of Missouri Extension Dinner, at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) Shooting Range at 454 E. Division Road, Warrensburg.

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner

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The Honorable Johnson County Commission met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present: Troy Matthews, Presiding Commissioner; Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner; Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner; and Diane Thompson, County Clerk. Additional public access made available via Zoom Meeting with the following details: Telephone Number: 312-626-6799 | Meeting ID: 836 3606 4631 | Passcode: 640931 | The following proceedings were had to-wit:

The Commissioners attended the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM) Annual Training Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Kavanaugh attended the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Local Public Agency (LPA) Training with a certification valid through May 2027.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Thompson, County Clerk

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Troy A. Matthews, Presiding Commissioner

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Rusty Sproat, Eastern Commissioner

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Charles Kavanaugh, Western Commissioner