

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 being at 10:03 a.m. Those being present were Presiding Commissioner Harold Gallaher, First District Commissioner Gay Wilkinson, and Second District Commissioner Patrick Mullins. Also present was County Clerk Mark Hedrick.

Visitors present: Louie Seiberlich, Amber Menjoulet, Jesse Rupp, Kristan Tate, Sandy Gallaher, Mike Wisdom, Linda Dickerson, Kevin Jenkins, Clay Copeland, Gary Matheny, Kristan Tate, Mindy Wooldrige, Dan Ward, Kevin Engler, Cindy Johnson, Betty Medley, Dan Bullock, John Gross, Buck Copeland, Rich Lubecke, Charles Gamble, Vonne Karraker, and Kerry Glore.

Commission opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**AGENDA:**

Posted agenda attached to minutes.  
(Document also found in Open Meeting Agenda folder.)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mullins and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to approve the Consent Agenda. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Agenda Items:

1. Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2018

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**BUSINESS**

**MAC DELEGATES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkinson and seconded by Commissioner Mullins to designate Harold Gallaher, Gay Wilkinson, Patrick Mullins, Mark Hedrick, Pam Williams, Kerry Glore, Dan Ward, and Steve Grider as delegates to the Missouri Association of Counties Annual Conference. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**ELECTION UPDATE**

County Clerk Mark Hedrick gave an update on the November 6<sup>th</sup> election by stating that at this point we have received 774 absentee ballots and this is ahead of the 2014 election. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail will be Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until noon for absentee voting. He also reported that the Busiek precinct has been closed and combined with the Farmington 4 precinct due to cost savings. He also reported that the Farmington 4 polling place has been moved from the school administrative building to the Farmington VFW Post on Karsch Blvd and this change will be effective this election. This change will allow for more parking and more room inside to vote.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Commissioner Gallaher reported that he had checked with the county's attorney about the legality of the Prosecuting Attorney transferring funds from his fund to the general fund to offset the cost of the state audit, and the attorney stated that this transfer is legal under the state statutes. Ms. Vonne Karraker asked if she could obtain a copy of the email from the county's attorney in reference to the legality of the transferring of funds. Commissioner Gallaher stated that he would have to check with the attorney about the release of the email. Ms. Karraker feels that this is public information under the sunshine law. She also questioned the transfer of funds from the administrative handling fund to pay for the state audit. She stated that the general fund should pay for the audit and not deplete the administrative handling fund for this use. Ms. Karraker asked if she needs to do a sunshine law request to furnish the communication from the county's attorney and Commissioner Gallaher stated that he would check with the attorney about the release of the email from the county's attorney. Gary Matheny stated that the prosecuting attorney is the county's legal representative and stated that if it deals with the prosecuting attorney that would be a conflict of interest and that the county commission should get another opinion. Commissioner Gallaher stated that the commission deals with another attorney on all commission matters. Treasurer Kerry Glore stated that the Prosecuting Attorney has discretionary use of the administrative handling fund and he controls the expenditures from the fund under state law. Ms. Karraker asked Ms. Glore if she has communication from the county's attorney in reference to the transfer and if so would that communication be released. Commissioner Gallaher stated that he would check into this request.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the county commission will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

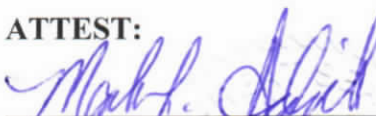
**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

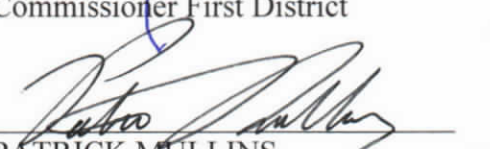
With there being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Wilkinson seconded by Commissioner Mullins to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**ATTEST:**

  
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MARK L. HEDRICK, County Clerk

  
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HAROLD GALLAHER  
Presiding Commissioner

  
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GAY WILKINSON  
Commissioner First District

  
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PATRICK MULLINS  
Commissioner Second District