

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2025
TUESDAY**

CALL TO ORDER:

The County Commission met in regular session. Those presents were Presiding Commissioner, Harold Gallaher, Commissioner First District, Kary Buckley and Commissioner Second District, David Kater. Also, present was County Clerk, Kevin Engler and Deputy Clerk, Linda Balentine from the County Clerk's office.

Others were present, Dan Schunks, Louie Seiberlich, Bridget Kimbrough, Eric Dugal, Connor Harbit, Brian Long, Jay Graf, Carol Gamble, Parks Peterson, Angie Usery, Vesta Mattingly, Laura Smith, David Jirik, Kim Schrum, Rich Luebcke, Patricia Colyer, Brandon Hubbard, Erika Jones, Kristina Bone, Brandon Harrington, Jerrel Poor, Captain Ryan and Sheriff Crites.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Presiding Commissioner. All were present. The County Clerk discussed the tax levies. Commissioner Kater made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes, August 19, 2025
2. Appointment Order/Brittany Carriere, DJO I \$17.10 per hr./JDC
3. Appointment Order/Ronda Donze, Admin Ass't II. 20.35 per hr./RD & Bridge
4. Disposal old worn-out chair/tag #0338/County Clerk
5. Disposal broken equipment/tag 0402/Morgue
6. Public Hearing/Tax Levy

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

APPROVE TAX LEVY RATES County Clerk, Kevin Engler, discussed the tax levy rates. The current rates will be set as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE	0.0401
ROAD & BRIDGE	0.2349
SENIOR SERVICES	0.0459

Commissioner Kater made a motion to set the tax levy with rates listed above. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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**BID OPENING
DUMP TRUCK/OWL CREEK**

Bids were opened for a single axel dump truck for Owl Creek Park. There was only one bid received from Veterans Worldwide in the amount of \$40,000.00. After reviewing the bid Parks Superintendent, Mike Sumpter, made the recommendation to accept the bid upon inspection of the dump truck. Commissioner Kater made a motion to purchase the dump truck contingent upon inspection. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

**BID OPENING
CONTROL PANEL
JDC**

Bids were opened for the Control Panel at the JDC. There were two bids received. One from Montgomery Technology Systems and the other from Securitas Technology. This will be taken under advisement until a later time.

**REQUEST TO PLACE
NEW STOP SIGN & SPEED
LIMIT SIGN/HAMPTON RD
VANDERGRIF RD**

Hwy Superintendent, Brian Long came before the Commission to request permission to place a new stop sign and a 35-mph speed limit sign at the intersection of Vandergriff Road and Hampton Road. Mr. Long explained this road is heavily traveled and there are a lot of curves, so the speed limit is essential for the safety of citizens in Doe Run. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to place the new stop sign and a 35-mph speed limit sign on Vandergriff and Hampton Road. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**FY 2025 STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT**

Capt. Michael Ryan is requesting permission to apply for the SFY 2026 Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant through the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This is a non-matching \$25,000.00 grant and would be used toward the purchase of new body worn cameras. Commissioner Kater made a motion to approve applying for this grant. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**MOVE EMPLOYEE FROM
DC II TO A DC III/2026
BUDGET YEAR**

Assessor, Eric Dugal, came before the Commission requesting to move an employee from Deputy Clerk II to Deputy Clerk III with a \$.85 cents per hour raise for the 2026 budget. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to approve the change in position as well as the pay increase. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the county commission will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Patricia Colyer spoke to the Commission about the history of the David Murphy Spring House and the possibility of helping maintain the Spring House.

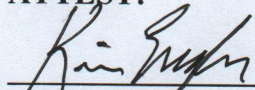
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Brian Long, Hwy Superintendent, gave a report on various Road & Bridge projects.
- Sheriff Crites gave a report for the Sheriff's Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

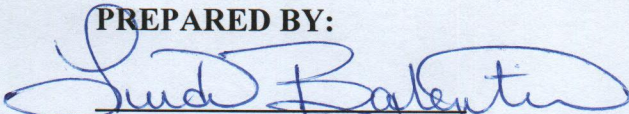
With there being no further business, County Commissioner Kater made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



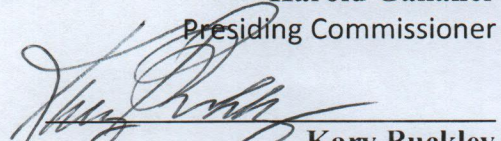
Kevin Engler
County Clerk
St. Francois County, Missouri

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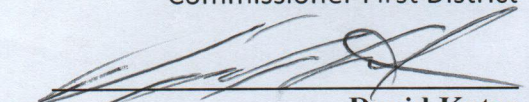


Linda Balentine
Deputy Clerk St. Francois County, Missouri

Harold Gallaher
Presiding Commissioner



Kary Buckley
Commissioner First District



David Kater
Commissioner Second District