



**COMMISSION BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2026 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Nolte called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. INVOCATION

Recited by Matthew Russel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

4. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Nolte requested the Clerk to call the roll.

A Quorum was established by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Johnson – Here
Commissioner Carpenter – Here
Commissioner Withington – Here
Commissioner Lawson – Here
Commissioner Wagner – Here
Commissioner Thompson – Here

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed.

Commissioner Withington made a motion to move Resolution 2026-38 and Resolution 2026-39 from the consent agenda to the end of the regular agenda.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed with the amendments.

6. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- Emerging Leaders Academy Graduate Recognition/Human Resources

Kim Callahan, Human Resources Director, spoke regarding the Emerging Leaders Academy Graduates past and current 2025 graduates.



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The Commission paused for pictures with the graduates.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Clay County Citizen representing University of Missouri Extension, spoke to the Commission thanking them for their continued support.

The Commission commented on their appreciation for the University of Missouri Extension.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2026-32 Approve Invoice Payments for Clay County for the Period of January 24, 2026 to January 30, 2026/Accounts Payable
- 2026-30 Approve 2026 Payment - University of Missouri Extension/Commission
- 2026-34 Approve Quote for Purchase of Two Variable Message Boards - All Traffic Solutions Inc./Road & Bridge

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- 2026-36 Approve Temporary Construction Easement & Easement for Public Utility Mains with the City of Liberty, Missouri for the Liberty City Hall Expansion Project/Administration

Damon Hodges, County Administrator, spoke regarding Resolution 2026-36.

Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty, Missouri Public Works Director, spoke regarding Resolution 2026-36.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-36.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – No



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The motion Passed.

- 2026-33 Approve Invoice Payments for Clay County Prosecutor's Office for the Period of January 24, 2026 to January 30, 2026/Accounts Payable

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-33.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Recused
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed

- 2026-35 Approve Task Order Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Airport South Property Investigation - Burns & McDonnell Engineering Services, Inc./Facilities

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-35.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed.

- 2026-37 Appoint Member(s) to Clay County Constitution Review Commission/Commission

Kevin Graham, County Council, made a recommendation to amend Resolution 2026-37 and remove Jay Swearingen and replace with Scott Lakin.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion approve Resolution 2026-37 and to remove Jay Swearingen and replace with the name Scott Lakin.



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Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed.

- 2026-38 Approve Appointment of a Commissioner to the Clay County Economic Development Council Board of Directors/Commission

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-38.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – Yes
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – No
Commissioner Lawson – Yes

The motion Passed.

- 2026-39 Appoint Member(s) to Children's Services Fund Board/Commission

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Withington made a motion to table Resolution 2026-39 until a date when Myron Neth can come to a meeting.

Commissioner Johnson – Yes
Commissioner Lawson – Yes
Commissioner Wagner – No
Commissioner Thompson – Yes
Commissioner Carpenter – Yes
Commissioner Withington – Yes

The motion Passed to table Resolution 2026-39.

10. REPORTS

- Auditor's Cash Basis Monthly Report, January 2026/Auditor



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11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

- Meetings Schedule
- Commission Business Session February 19, 2026 6:00 PM

Damon Hodges wanted to give an update on what staff has processed for SB190. Staff has processed 10,430 renewals and 2,085 new applications, for a total of 12,515 through today, and that was for new SB190 applications moving forward in the year 2026. That closes March 31st. The Collector's staff has processed 8,880 Senior Tax Relief payments for a total amount of about fifteen million dollars as of today. The checks currently appearing to be processed are from the first week of January. He knows there have been some questions because of the processing time, since they are doing it manually. Total collected has been \$511,175,964.00, and that is our total tax collection. The important message regarding the taxpayers for SB190 is to not cancel their checks; there have been a few calls on that. Since they are doing this manually, it takes a little more time, as stated earlier. They are processing the remaining checks as quickly as possible, so they are asking people not to cancel their checks. Also, those payments will not be reflected on the online systems, and there will not be any penalties or interest on those SB190 payments that have not yet been processed. People are seeing penalties and interest, and those will not be charged. Since they are doing them manually, what is online is not reflecting accurately just yet. They will keep everyone updated via email and the website.

Discussion took place.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lawson wanted to say she attended her first Planning & Zoning meeting, and it was really a great meeting. They had a couple of cases that there was a lot of discussion on. As usual, Kipp was fantastic, keeping everyone in line and reinforcing the people who were there and giving the information that he could to the board. She is really looking forward to this; it is one of the most rewarding things she does, besides going to the Drug Court graduations, which they did a couple of weeks ago. That was, again, wonderful and a great experience, and it always is. It is great to see the County involved and great to see the people involved, bringing those people back and their contributions to the community in a positive way. The joy on their families' faces is some of the best she can see. It is a rewarding day for her and extremely rewarding for them, so great job, Judge Alexander, and all the work he does.

Commissioner Johnson gave a quick public service announcement to our three listeners who are streaming right now. We talk about Boards and Commissions, and we have dozens of Boards and Commissions that we need people to volunteer for. We talked tonight about the Children's Services Fund Board, they decide where a large portion of tax money goes. We have the Mental Health Board and the Senior Services Board, some of them control money, and others are just advisory. If you are interested, go online to our County website, look through the Boards and Commissions, and if you see something you like, there is a way for you to apply. He would encourage people to look at that, we appreciate it.

Commissioner Nolte echoed a lot of what he just heard. He appreciates the cooperation between himself and Commissioner Lawson; he thinks this exchange has been great. He can't say enough about the Veterans and Drug Courts, those are truly moving experiences. He tries never to miss them, and it is always a very moving experience. He joked that he and Commissioner Lawson should be



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carpooling, but he certainly appreciates her presence there and her interacting with the individuals. It means a lot to them. Commissioner Johnson is right, Boards and Commissions can be a difficult thing. There are some boards and commissions that are easy, with many applicants to choose from, and on the other hand, there are some boards that are extremely difficult for a number of reasons. Some of the boards have restrictions on membership and those sorts of issues, so he is always looking for people to help out. He certainly always solicits input from Commissioners if they have someone who can serve on these boards and commissions. That is something he asks for on a regular basis. There are some boards that do a heavy lift and great work, such as the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board. Then there are others that are just advisory boards but just as important. The work is just a slightly different kind of work. Not so much the budgeting, but it is more envisioning of what is possible with the available assets. He thinks we have had a good meeting, and in the Commissioner comments, there were some good points made.

13. RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 713 PM.