

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
TUESDAY**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Commission met in regular session. Those present 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 present, Louie Seiberlich, Dan Schunks, Bridget Smith, Misty Hedrick, Jason Harris, Rich Luebcke, Kristina Bone, Carol Gamble, Laura Smith, Buck Copeland, Vesta Mattingly, Parks Peterson, Linda Ragsdale, Keith Serini, Cory Serini, Brandon Harrington, Cody Hurt, Destiny Sansaucie, and Sheriff Crites

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, January 21, 2025 & Special meeting January 30, 2025
2. Appointment Order/DJO I, Emily Davidson/JDC \$17.10 per hour
3. Appointment Order/Jail Navigator, Anna Denny/Sheriff's Dept. \$65,000 per year
4. Disposal of old vehicle/Sheriff's Dept/Fleet Manager
5. Destruction of broken equipment/Tag #3130/Sheriff's Department

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS:**           None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**REAPPOINT SFC HEALTH  
DIRECTOR/  
LINDA RAGSDALE**

The Commission would like to reappoint Linda Ragsdale as the director of the Health Department. Commissioner Kater made a motion to reappoint Ms. Ragsdale as Director. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**APPROVE CONTRACT  
AUTOPSY SUITE**

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to enter into agreement with Dr. Russell Deidiker, MD Pathologist for rent and use of the St. Francois County Autopsy suite for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**PURCHASE NEW CAR  
EQUIPMENT/SHERIFF**

Buck Copeland, fleet manager, came before the Commission wishing to purchase equipment for the four new police cars from Public Safety Upfitters. The total cost of this equipment is \$34,380. This is under state contract and will be paid for out of the New Equipment Budget. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to purchase equipment. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**APPROVE BID  
CAMERA SYSTEM  
ROAD & BRIDGE**

Nick Jones, IT Supervisor, made his recommendation to approve Roberts Alarm systems for the camera system at Road & Bridge. The cost of the cameras will be \$5,800 and will be taken out of the IT budget. Commissioner Kater made a motion to approve Roberts Alarm systems for the new camera system at the Road & Bridge facility. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**AWARD TAP GRANT  
WEST CO. SCHOOL  
CE CONTRACTING**

Commissioner Kater made a motion to award the TAP Grant per MoDOT recommendation to CE Contracting. The total cost is \$748,775.00, total grant amount is \$498,007.50 and the total match amount is \$250,767.50. Commissioner Kater's motion included not to exceed the total match amount of \$250,767.50. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**30 HOUR WORK WEEK  
CHILD SUPPORT/GRANT  
POSITION**

Effective Monday, February 10, 2025, the Legal Secretary position in the Child Support office currently being held by Dana Kitchen will be adjusted to 30 hours per week. The benefits will remain the same except for sick time accumulation, earning 8 hours per month instead of 10. This position is a grant position with the State reimbursing a set amount which the County exceeded in the past. This change is necessary to stay within budget. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to make necessary changes to the hours per week worked to stay within budget for Child Support. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REQUEST TO HIRE  
MAINTENANCE POSITION  
SHERIFF'S DEPT.**

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to hire a maintenance position at the County Jail/Sheriff's Dept. This will be a budgeted item in the Sheriff's budget and will not be for cleaning. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the county commission will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

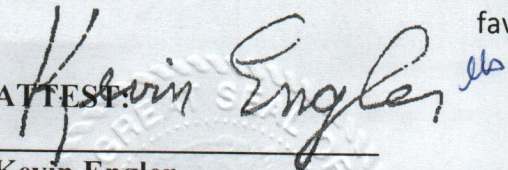
**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Sheriff Crites gave an update on his department. For the month of January, the Sheriff's Department received 1500 calls and had a average jail population of 123 inmates, 105 male and 18 female.

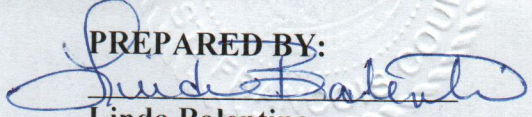
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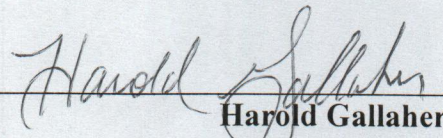
With there being no further business, County Commissioner Kater made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

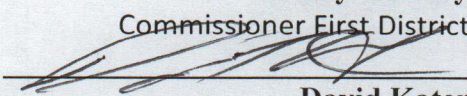
  
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