

Frequently asked questions about the Commission and our meetings.

What is the meeting schedule?

We meet every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Commission meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Annex Building in downtown Farmington. (The one exception is that State law requires us to meet on the first Monday of each quarter. Therefore, we meet on the first Monday of each January, April, July and October rather than on that Tuesday.)

Why not just meet on every Monday rather than this mix-up?

Law requires us to post our agenda for at least 24 hours before a meeting. Therefore, the agenda must be set on Friday mornings by 10 am when we meet on Mondays. People would often miss getting on the agenda due to this extended time. With Tuesday meetings, agenda items can be added just one day before.

Why not meet in the evenings?

Evening meetings were attempted in the past and attendance declined. Meetings were rescheduled for 10 am to increase attendance.

Why do I need to be on the agenda?

It is a long-standing Commission procedure that we consider only “agenda” items for action. This assures that every decision we make is publicly announced beforehand. Those not on the agenda may also speak in the meeting but no decision can be made regarding their issue(s).

How do I get on the agenda?

Call or visit the County Clerk’s office (573-756-5411) before 10 am of the business day before the meeting. You will be put on the agenda in the order received.

How long do your meetings last?

We end the meetings when business is done. There is no time limit. Our meetings generally last less than one hour.

How is County government structured?

The Commissioners are responsible for policy, our 10 properties, 400 miles of Road, parking lots, the IT Department, Building & property Maintenance, etc. The Commission is also responsible for approving the budget and for approving all expenditures.

Each individual office (Collector, Assessor, Auditor, etc.) is run by the elected officer the voters have put in place to control and operate that individual “department” of our County Government. The Courts fall under other guidelines as their pay systems are often regulated by the State with expense authorizations done by the Presiding Judge. In the case of the Courts, the Commission’s responsibility is to issue payment as directed by the judge and to provide funds for that payment.

Why do you have trivia questions at each meeting?

We present a trivia question each week that relates to health/science and local or state history. We try to spend less than 20 seconds on the answer but discussion often pops up among the audience. The questions are geared to help educate us about our County. *A recent topic was, what river starts in our County and goes on to form the boundary between two states. Look it up.*

Who is welcome to our meetings?

EVERYONE!!! See you next Tuesday.