

# 03-31-2021 Minutes

## McDonald County Commission—Minutes

March 31st, 2021

**Present:**

Bill Lant - Presiding Commissioner  
Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner  
Rick Lett - Western Commissioner  
Kimberly Bell - County Clerk

### General Business

Judge LePage, PA Maleia Cheney and Assistant PA Dustin Johnson met with the Commission to discuss the Drug Treatment Court. The Court feels it necessary to add a Drug Court Treatment Coordinator position to ensure proper monitoring of individuals in the system. A Missouri State grant has been approved for \$15,000, but an additional \$10,000 is needed for the position. The 40th Judicial Circuit is asking \$5,000 each from Newton County and McDonald County. Eastern Commissioner Cope made a motion to approve \$5,000 be paid out of County Revenue Other, Consultant/Legal Service budget line to the 40th Judicial Circuit to be used for the Drug Court Treatment Coordinator wages. Presiding Commissioner Lant seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Cope - YEA; Lant - YEA; Lett - YEA

Commission and Jerry Mullin, Road and Bridge Foreman, checked bridges and roads on Langley Road, Deer Creek Road and Upper and Lower Mill Creek Road. Upon returning, they all discussed the condition of the bridge on Langley Road at Hwy EE to Cowskin. The bridge was closed March 29, 2021 due to the collapse of the structure. Being a high traffic count area and the unsafe structure, the Commission deemed the repairs to the bridge an URGENT/EMERGENCY situation. Presiding Commissioner Lant made a motion to conduct emergency repairs to the bridge not to exceed \$60,000. Seconded by Eastern Commissioner Cope. Lant - YEA Cope - YEA Lett - YEA. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Commission discussed whether to continue leasing Road and Bridge equipment through Tri-State Truck Center. After some discussion, Presiding Commissioner Lant made a motion to continue to lease three dump trucks for two years from Tri-State Truck Center. Seconded by Western Commissioner Lett. Lant - YEA Cope - YEA Lett - YEA. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Commission conducted general business of the county.

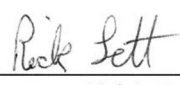
### ADJOURN

Commission will reconvene on April 5th, 2021

### SIGNATURES

  
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Jamey Cope

  
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Bill Lant

  
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Rick Lett