07-14-2025 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

July 14th, 2025

Present:

Bryan Hall - Presiding Commissioner Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner Rick Lett - Western Commissioner Jessica Cole - County Clerk

General Business

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices submitted for consideration. Included in the agenda was the approval of a contract agreement for the use of a chip spreader, scheduled to go into effect on July 25.

Additional permits were received from Le-Ru Telephone Company. Following review, the Commissioners issued Permit No. 2025-002, accepting the company's bond for work expected to begin on July 28, 2025. The Commission addressed road maintenance issues on several roadways, including Scotch Hollow Road, Ozark Trail Road, and Rains Road.

Notice Regarding Private Roads:

The Commissioners have recently received several requests to inspect or maintain roads designated as Private Roads. Commission have respectfully informed residents that private roads are not under the jurisdiction or maintenance responsibility of the County.

Specifically, roads that are classified as private are owned and maintained by the adjoining property owners or private entities. The County is legally prohibited from performing maintenance, repairs, or improvements on these roads, regardless of any requests made.

For a list of what is recorded as private roads these can be found on the county website: https://mcdonaldcountymo.gov/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Ordinances/List-of-Private-Roads-not-mantained-by-County.pdf

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for the road crews working diligently to improve conditions. Crews have made significant progress and continue to address backlogged maintenance, including brush cutting. Despite challenging circumstances, they remain committed to improving road conditions for residents.

Additionally, the Commission met with the Emergency Management Director to receive updates on an approved FEMA-funded project concerning improvements to Dead End Lane, located near Little Sugar Creek off Highway K.

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Commission will reconvene on July 16th, 2025

SIGNATURES

James Cope

Bryan Hall

Rick Lett