

10-06-2025 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

October 6th, 2025

Present:

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

General Business

At 8:26am Eastern Commissioner Cope made a motion to close the open session and enter a closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(3). Commissioner Lett seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting in favor.

At 9:03am, Western Commissioner Lett made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. Presiding Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioners met with FEMA Project Coordinator, Jason Stalder on the approximate completion date for this Dead End Lane Project. At this time August 31, 2026 is the estimated date to complete the project for the FEMA Project due to waiting for dry conditions. Next request is requesting documentation for similar projects in this area to look for comparable project costs.

Lisa Robinson and Allen Berandis-- with the Missouri University Extension office to discuss the Economic Summit that is offered to all the political entities here in McDonald County.

Residents appeared before the Commission to review procedures on public roads and process of vacating a public road. After discussions, Commissioners informed the residents County can only accept new *County maintained* roads if they meet the specifications as designed in the 2015 County Road Specifications which is available for public on the county website. County maintained roads are listed on the county website as well. To vacate a county maintained road, there is normally a formal process as dictated by RsMo 228.110.

Moving onto the latter part of the day, Commissioners discussed the annual review of County Medical Insurance Plans. Clerk Cole presented to the Commission the County Medical plans received a 6.5% premium rate increase with the typical average increase coming back to 18-32%, great news with medical renewals. In addition to this increase, the medical plans will now offer Ally Health virtual care options with Mental Health Services as part of the program. Commission reviewed current Medical Plan contributions which are at \$669.31 per plan. After discussion, Commissioner Cope moved to increase County Contributions by an additional 7%, Commissioner Lett second the motion. All Commissioners were in favor of the increase. Vote carried in approval.

Commission is looking forward to sharing this news with County Employees.
The County will now contribute \$716 per premium.

It might not seem like a big jump, but it's another step toward helping cover costs for those employees who participate in the County's health plans, County will also continue the Wellness incentive for the 2026 Medical Year.

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Commission will reconvene on October 8th, 2025

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