

12-08-2025 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

December 8th, 2025

Present:

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

General Business

Commission signed and approved accounts payable in the amount \$104,075.61.

Sales Tax Distributions were made available and ready for disbursement. County Treasurer Fuller provided an up to date current asset report still reflecting Health and Law Enforcement in deficits. Even after sales tax disbursements, Law Enforcement and Health still had a deficit. Further review of the current assets, Commissioner Cope moved to issue a Court Order to Treasurer Fuller in immediately moving the Use Tax Revenues (\$118,230.61) directly to Law Enforcement to help cover the deficient effective today. Commissioner Lett second the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

To date, a total of \$423,230.61 has been transferred from General Funds to Law Enforcement to maintain a positive balance. Commissioners will reassess the financial status of the Health Department and Law Enforcement after payroll is processed at the end of the month. Moving forward, the Commission will review all budget requests with heightened proactive oversight, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are allocated responsibly and that expenditures contributing to these deficits are carefully evaluated. The County priority remains sustaining essential public safety and infrastructure services for McDonald County residents while maintaining fiscal accountability.

Commissioners later received word that the Olin Street properties are experiencing leaks from the roof. Commissioners will be inspecting the building and hope to make repairs when feasible.

While the county continues to exercise fiscal prudence, the reality is that our facilities require significant attention. Years of temporary fixes and incremental repairs are reaching their limits, and essential upkeep can no longer be deferred without compromising the integrity and safety of our buildings. As responsible stewards of county assets, these necessary expenditures are unavoidable to ensure functionality and compliance and will be heavily considered when addressing the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget requests.

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Commission will reconvene on December 10th, 2025

SIGNATURES



Jamey Cope



Bryan Hall



Rick Lett