

01-12-2026 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

January 12th, 2026

Present:

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

General Business

Presiding Commissioner Hall moves to allocate funding for the following Community Programs who sought funding from the 2026 County Budget.

Presiding Commissioner Hall moved to allocate \$20,000 for a DMO for the McDonald County Chamber with 2026 Budget appropriations.. Western Commissioner, Rick Lett Seconds. All in Favor. Motions Carried.

After discussion, Presiding Commissioner Hall proposed to allocate \$7500 towards I'm your Huckleberry Animal Rescue. Jamey Cope second the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

9:00am - Gregg Sweeten with Emergency Management had a phone conference with Commissioners and FEMA representative, Jason Stalder.

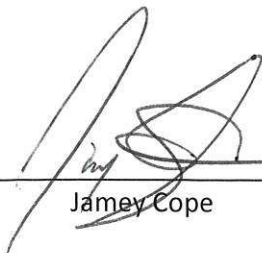
Later Commissioners discussed the annual report received from the Missouri University Extension office. Per RsMo 262.600. Eastern Commissioner, Jamey Cope opted to allow the Extension office to keep the funds that remained from the 2025 budget allocations and would revisit this the upcoming year. Bryan Hall second the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

In the appropriations received for approval, Commissioner Cope asked if \$4000 Ozark Drug Taskforce Membership dues could be paid with Opioids Funding. After reviewing of the Local Resource Guide, they found this was an acceptable use of Opioids funds. With that they reallocated those membership dues from the Law Enforcement Budget over to the Opioids expenditures. With how tight funding is in the Law Enforcement Fund any allocations they can shift from law expenditures to another fund is a huge help for those departments who share the law enforcement sales tax as their major source of funding. On Wednesday January 14th Commissioners will be honoring three of their long time serving Road Crew Employees who have retired from County Employment. They welcome anyone to come and go from 10am-12pm.

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Commission will reconvene on January 14th, 2026

SIGNATURES



Jamey Cope



Bryan Hall



Rick Lett

Approved

Wednesday January 14th, 2026

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