

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 \$164,184.88.

Commissioners met with County Treasurer regarding another CD up for renewal.

CD3 \$556,960.65 for County Revenue if rolled over will reach its maturity August 18, 2026.

Commissioner Rick Lett moved to approve and renew the CD's at the interest rate of 3.95% for another 6 months. Commissioner Cope second the motion. All Commissioners were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Franklin Jennings and Rowdy Mott met with the Commission to present their proposal for developing a designated biking trail system throughout McDonald County. Their goal is to improve communication, safety, and organization for the growing number of biking interest occurring on county roads.

Jennings and Mott, an entrepreneurial team passionate about elevating McDonald County's outdoor recreation profile, are requesting Commission approval—not funding—to independently develop and mark selected county roadways as gravel trailways. Their vision is to position McDonald County as the premier Gravel Riding destination in the nation, complementing existing attractions such as Elk River and the county's unique natural landscape.

The team has identified 51 roadways chosen specifically to reduce rider exposure to busy or paved routes. These routes would serve not only cyclists but potentially horseback riders and ATV users as well.

Sheriff Evenson has already reviewed the proposed roadways and expressed support, noting that the selected routes prioritize resident feedback and overall safety. The group emphasized that formalizing these routes would allow the county to guide and manage cycling activity more effectively, reducing unregulated use that could otherwise result in negative impacts.

The proposed system would also tie into existing Arkansas trail connections, and trailheads would include difficulty ratings, information on Missouri rider laws, and general route details. Public roadway signs are already being prepared, and with the Commission's approval, the team would begin installing markers and working with the Chamber of Commerce on regional promotion.

Both the Commissioners and Sheriff Evenson expressed support for the project, recognizing the value in maintaining oversight of cycling activity and welcoming the economic potential of increased tourism.

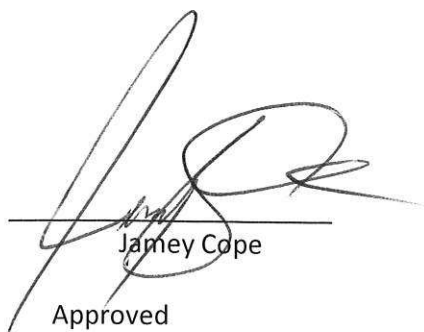
Jennings and Mott reiterated that they are not seeking financial investment—only authorization to proceed with developing and marking the designated roadways. Their signage, similar in style to mile markers, is intended to support navigation and enhance user safety.

*Notice: County and State offices will be closed on Thursday February 12th and February 16th in observance of Lincoln's Day and President's Day.*

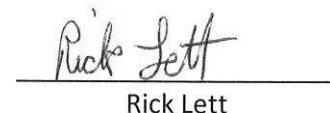
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Commission will reconvene on February 18th, 2026

### SIGNATURES

  
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Jamey Cope  
Approved

  
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Bryan Hall

  
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Rick Lett

**Monday** February 16th, 2026

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