

03-16-2026 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

March 16th, 2026

Present:

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

General Business

At 11:05 a.m., the Drug Court Treatment Team presented to the County Commission. Attendees included Judge John LePage, Derick Price, Bryan Hall, Jamey Cope, John Bartholomew, Rick Lett, Nathan Smith, Tina Rose, and Caleb Boyer.

The Drug Court Team highlighted the program's success in reducing repeat incarceration rates among participants. Nathan Smith shared personal testimony, describing how Drug Court Treatment positively changed his life, allowing him to maintain sobriety, contribute to the community, and mentor other participants.

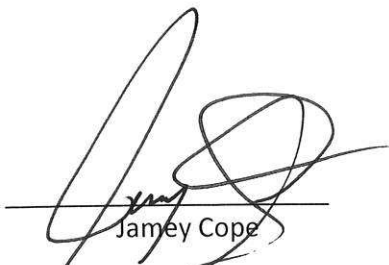
The presentation acknowledged ongoing challenges related to substance abuse and mental health but emphasized that partnerships with local agencies and county support help address these barriers. The program targets high-risk, high-need individuals based on trauma-informed assessments. While not designed specifically for first-time offenders, eligibility is determined by assessment scores. Referrals come from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, or recovery success referrals. Program components include Moral Recognition Therapy and Addiction Education. The public is invited to observe Drug Court sessions held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

At 1:00 p.m., five bids were opened from Aarons Construction, Cullers Construction, C4 Earthworks & Excavating, Hannah's Excavating, and Granger Dirtworks. The Commissioners reviewed the bids and tabled decisions pending further credential review.

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Commission will reconvene on March 18th, 2026

SIGNATURES



Jamey Cope

Approved



Bryan Hall

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Rick Lett

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