

# 05-18-2026 Minutes

## McDonald County Commission—Minutes

May 18th, 2026

**Present:**

Bryan Hall - Presiding Commissioner

Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner

Rick Lett - Western Commissioner

Jessica Cole - County Clerk

### General Business

Commissioners received a request from Overplus Tax Sale in 2025. Western Commissioner Lett moved to issue the Court Order in the amount of \$15,428.16 from Overplus Tax Sale. Presiding Commissioner Hall second the motion. With all in favor, Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Treasurer, Sheila Fuller, to transfer from the Overplus Sales Tax Fund in the amount of \$15,428.16. Per RSMo 139.380 to S. Anglin & Associates, LP.

Roads showing immediate concern were: Songbird, Red Robin, & Low Gap Rd.

Commissioners reviewed the request from Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney and moved forward with approving their request. Request overview from Monday May 11th: Sheriff Evenson and Prosecutor Cheney met with the Commission to request funding for a new investigative position to be overseen by the Sheriff. Amount being requested is \$41,000 for the position. Commissioners stated they would discuss it further among themselves and let them know of their decision since it commits funding into the 2027 Budget Year. *Approved.*

1:30 p.m. Commissioners Hall and Cope traveled to Bear Hollow Road, the site of the Walmart Data Center. They were joined by Webster County Commissioners, the Webster County Clerk, and the Webster County Prosecuting Attorney. During the visit, the group observed the land development completed by Walmart at the time the Data Center was constructed. McDonald County Commissioners shared that the Data Center has been part of the county since 2003 and, to their knowledge, has had no adverse effects. While it is difficult to fully reflect how the community felt when the project was first introduced in 2003, the facility has, over the past 23 years, operated quietly and efficiently. The Data Center does not produce significant noise, uses resources responsibly through underground systems that recycle much of its water, and is heavily secured and landscaped in a way that allows it to blend naturally into the surrounding property.

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Commission will reconvene on May 20th, 2026

### SIGNATURES

