

10-05-2026 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

October 5th, 2026

Present:

Bryan Hall - Presiding Commissioner

Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner

Rick Lett - Western Commissioner

Jessica Cole - County Clerk

General Business

8:00am -- Commissioners reviewed invoices being prepared for payment and request for expenditures.

They reviewed all funds and where they currently sit at the beginning of the third quarter. General finance reporting is posted on the website for review.

9:00am

Members of the McDonald County Chamber met with Commission to discuss continuing their work to help McDonald County grow stronger. By working together with destination marketing partners, the county can better promote tourism, increase foot traffic for local businesses, pursue grant opportunities, and encourage new investment in the community. The shared goal is to create new revenue and protect local resources while remaining mindful of taxpayers. With new homes being built and investors showing interest in local communities, growth is already visible. Commissioners want to stay ahead of that growth and help residents understand the steps being taken to support economic stability. A stronger future for McDonald County begins with cooperation among those working to address and guide that growth.

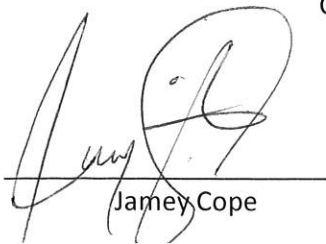
10:00am Commissioners met with Public Administrator and County Recorder. Both individuals came in to propose to the Commissioners their request to swap office locations. Their proposal came from the perspective of public accessibility. Commissioners made no decisions regarding the proposal but ensured they would tour the offices to be better informed of the traffic and public accessibility to those departments.

11:00am Jennifer Lutes with the Missouri Extension came to inform the Commission of their roof having spots of water leaks. With the recent, roof replacement to the latter side of the Olin buildings they had the other side of the roof in the plan for roof repairs. Also in discussions were the extensions efforts to launch their rain gauge program. This program is accepting applications to launch rain gauges around the county that will be required to report daily accumulations of rain that will help develop better monitoring for the drought monitoring. Applications can be requested with the Clerk's office or the Extension directly.

11:30am Commissioners reviewed the Group Health Plans from MAGIC Consortium. Clerk Cole stated the consortium has been able to manage the health plans and move forward with a 1.6% renewal premium increase for year 2027 Group Health. With this they discussed the wellness incentive for 2027 and agreed to increase it to \$300 per year for those who participate in the wellness incentive. Commissioner Cope moved to renew with MAGIC for the 2027 Group Health Plan year, accepting the 1.6% increase and the wellness incentive to continue in 2027 to \$300 per year for participating individuals. Commissioner Lett second the motion. All Commissioners were in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Lett stated they would review their current contributions to the health plan as the last quarter approaches for County Budgets.

ADJOURN

Commission will reconvene on October 7th, 2026



Jamey Cope

SIGNATURES



Bryan Hall



Rick Lett