



COLE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Agenda for the Commission of Cole County  
For Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

(Commission is in session as posted beginning at 9:00 am, unless otherwise noted. The Commission will handle administrative matters between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm daily)

1. CALL TO ORDER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher and Western District Commissioner Kris Schepeler, Auditor Kristen Berhorst, Deputy Auditor Danielle Patterson, Public Works Director Larry Benz, Road Superintendent Larry Bishop, Sr., KMIZ Jack McCormick, Sheriff John Wheeler, Captain Aaron Bolinger, Sheriff's Department Betsy Wieberg, News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Counselor Jill LaHue, IT Director Brian Ridenhour, EMA Coordinator Bill Farr, Finance Debbie Malzner, Collector Larry Vincent, KOMU 8 Alexandria Williams, EMS Director Matthew Lindewirth, EMS Deputy Director Stephen Moffatt, Circuit Marshal Jeff Hilke, Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

3. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

6. BIDS & CONTRACTS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Director Debbie Malzner spoke about Wednesday, May 29, 2019 the Committee is meeting to go over questions for the HR Consultant interviews, which will begin on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 (phone and in person interviews).

8. NEW BUSINESS

**DISCUSSION:**

EMA Coordinator Bill Farr was present asking the Commissioners to sign a standard proclamation with the State Emergency Management Agency so he can file this document to apply for public government assistance for Cole County (due to the tornado on May 22, 2019). Farr stated he is working with the SAVE Coalition and they are checking every building that was damaged with a GPS Tracker to determine the status of the damage (the color levels of damage are yellow, green and red), MARC Resource Center is being set up this week along with a donation center. In addition, Farr stated he has spoken with many volunteers, shelters have been set up, bussing to shelters has begun, a volunteer reception center is housed in the old Sears building and to call 211 to volunteer or if you need assistance.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to sign the Emergency Government Proclamation and/or Resolution of a State of Emergency in Cole County/City of Jefferson**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

No action taken today on Accounts Payable Review.

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Additional discussion was held regarding the purchase of 10 Canon copier/printer machines for the Circuit Clerk (Cole County Courthouse), with IT Director Ridenhour providing a handout/email recommending to purchase from Marco, in the amount of \$34,228.07 and service and supplies at \$.004 per copy (Cooperative Procurement Contract, with the price being lower than contract pricing). Discussion also included using the balance left in the Circuit Clerk's leasing funds be applied toward this purchase and Capital Funds used to pay the balance.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve the purchase of 10 Canon copier/printer machines from Marco**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to sign the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Grant Application**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to sign the 2019 COPS Office Award Application**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

EMS Director Lindewirth was present to discuss with the Commissioners damage to **EMS property from the Tornado on May 22, 2019**. First, Lindewirth wanted to express to his staff a thank you for their work during the tornado event and after. Two ambulances were at Braun's facility at the time the tornado hit and both have significant damage. Lindewirth stated **EMS is now down two (2) ambulances from the tornado damage, one with the fuel injection pump out and another one out not knowing what is wrong with it**. The County has not heard from the insurance company at this time regarding the status of the damage and cost for these two ambulances, but may hear from the insurance company next week. Director Lindewirth requested approval from the Commissioners to purchase two (2) new ambulances at this time, which are currently in the 2020 EMS Budget, but EMS would possibly receive the ambulances in July 2019. Commissioner Bushman stated he would like to wait until we hear from the insurance company before approving the purchase of two (2) new ambulances.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve the purchase of two (2) ambulances through Demers Ambulances (in the amount of \$385,800.00)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (No), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

9. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to go into Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.** Pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Commission will go into Closed Session to discuss the following: Responses to Bids and Negotiated Contracts [Section 610.021(12)]. Commissioner Scheperle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**RECONVENE:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to go out of Closed Session at 11:50 a.m.** and reconvene as the Cole County Commission. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

10. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY

Public Works Department Director Larry Benz provided the following update to the tornado that hit on May 22, 2019 after the roads were opened; only woody debris is being removed at this time on county maintained areas, Public Works have been in contact with their neighbors, actively burning trees at Public Works sites, picking up materials located on right of way (at this time there is no pickup of household/construction debris), met with Republic Services (current rate of \$61.40 per ton and effective June 1, 2019 goes up to \$63.25 per ton), met with SEMA (unsure when declaration will be issued), Director Benz gave approval for the fire department(s) to purchase gas at Public Works location and County will bill the fire department(s), Public Works has been in contact with SAVE Coalition. In addition, Benz has contacted Health Director Kristi Campbell regarding Hepatitis B shots (series of 3 shots) for county employees. The Commissioners agreed to leave as is at this time with picking up only woody debris.

Commissioner Bushman received correspondence/minutes dated April 23, 2019 and May 21, 2019 from Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District.

On Thursday, May 23, 2019, the Commissioners agreed to close County Offices at approximately 8:45 a.m., with the exception of essential personnel at the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Services, Prenger Center and Public Works, due to the tornado that hit on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. A motion was made by Commissioner Scheperle to close the County Offices and Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes). No one from the Clerk's office was present during the motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commission will stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner

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Eastern District Commissioner

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Western District Commissioner