

**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 3, 2026 Fourteenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

Also present were Collector Faith Barnes and Health Department Director Sonya Berry.

In the matter of  
Health Department fleet vehicles:

Berry presents commission with sales orders for 2 Ford Bronco sports to be purchased as fleet vehicles for the Health Department. The vehicles are \$31,700 a piece with a 3-year manufactured warrant. Commissioner Stites moved to approve the purchases, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried. Further discussions were had on the WEX bank fuel cards that have been ordered and are being shipped to the health department. Berry also advised she will put in a request to have 2 signs placed for these fleet vehicles to have designated parking spots near the health department. Discussions were had on the placement of these signs going in the first 2 slots closest to the jail annex and health department driveway entrance located along 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Commission approved the placement and advised Berry to send a work order to Sissy in Support Services.

Mike Totten with ADS Pipe entered at 9:28 am followed by Sheriff Kirn at 9:29 am and Local resident Chester Kojro at 9:32 am. Berry left at 9:36 am.

In the matter of  
Everbridge System Discussions:

Kirn advised commission that he is not going to be able to find a new emergency alert system before the bad weather season starts this year. Kirn also advised that the City Fire and 911 board will pay their portion of the bill to be able to utilize the system. Further discussions were had on potentially moving to a new system next year and reaching out to additional entities that could utilize the system and cut down the costs for each entity utilizing it. Commissioner Stites advised in the new contract we need to place a stipulation advising each entity is responsible for a set amount each year. Johnson advised she will look in the ap software to see how the bill was proportioned when the system was implemented. Commissioner Stites moved to reverse eliminating the Everbridge contract for this year from a prior commission meeting, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Local residents Roger Wagoner & Cark Cardin entered at 9:43 am.  
Kirn left at 9:50 am.  
Superintendent Mark Case and Admin Assistant Michelle Bock entered at 9:58 am.

In the matter of  
Jerome polling location complaints:

Mr. Wagoner advised he is not happy with the change of polling location in Jerome. He advised everyone down there is not happy with the change and the fact that no one was given the option to provide input on the matter. Johnson advised she is within law to change the location and that she made sure to keep the new location within a 10-mile radius of the old location. She further advised the new location is 8.8 miles from the old polling location so it's not too much farther. Mr. Cardin advised the judges that staffed the Jerome location think they are out of a job now. Johnson advised no they are not they will be utilized at the new location and that she never informed anyone they would not be used due to this move. Johnson also advised Pulaski County is the largest 3<sup>rd</sup> class county in the State, Phelps is the second largest, Pulaski has 8 polling locations and even by her combining 2 locations into one Phelps still has 17 polling locations. Johnson attempted to further advised she has had issues with getting to her equipment when it floods and had issues meeting statutory compliance with the amount of judges staffing the Jerome location but was cut off by Wagoner. Wagoner advised it has flooded in the basement of the church a few times but they were able to clean that all up with a shop vac. Johnson advised the voters that are not happy need to call the office to see what their options are if the move created an issue for travel to the polling location as we are not trying to detour anyone from voting and that the new location is even better for anyone that can not get out of their car since the new location has a covered drive through area for the voter to have easy access to curbside voting. Mr. Wagner advised he will have all the upset people call the office and Johnson advised please do so we can assist them.

Wagner left at 10:00 am.

In the matter of  
Road & Bridge Use Tax project bidding:

Discussions were had on the need to bid out for 2 projects that will utilize the use tax funding. Bid solicitation was reviewed by commission for the projects on County Road 2000 and 8110. Commissioner Stites moved to approve the bids as written, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Kojro left at 10:19 am.

In the matter of  
Sally Road discussions:

Case advised the road is in rough condition so his crew is working on widening it and laying rock along with 3 inches of asphalt. Discussions were had on some of the areas of the road being 17 feet wide and they are trying to make it 20-22 feet wide for safe travelling.

In the matter of  
Fencing bids:

Case advised they are still looking to continue fencing around the new road shed but wanted to know if they need to go out to bid. Discussions were had on the project needing to go out to bid due to it being over the \$12,000 statutory limit.

Cardin left at 10:34 am.

In the matter of  
Road & Bridge Mower:

Case advised they can get the demo mower in 2 weeks if the county chooses to go that route instead of new. Discussions were had on the demo mower only having 19 hours on it and the purchase price being at \$300,829.00. Further discussions were had on a new mower costing \$304,010.95 with a delivery time of 10 weeks.

In the matter of  
Culvert on Sally road:

Case advised there is a gentleman with property along Sally Road that wants a culvert put in. The gentleman has purchased a 12" culvert but case advised it is too small according to county road specs. Further discussions were had on the culvert placement not doing anything for the county's road maintenance.

In the matter of  
Ridge Creek discussions:

Case advised there is a subdivision that transitions into a private drive and the property owners on the private drive want the county to accept maintenance of the road. Further discussions were had on providing the property owner with the County road specifications so the owner can reach out to contractors to implement the required specifications before the county will accept maintaining that road.

In the matter of  
Letter of intent to John Deere:

Commission reviewed the below letter of intent for leasing a John Deere tractor for the Road department. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the lease, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried.

JOEY AUXIER  
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER  
573-458-6121

SHERRY STILES  
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I  
573-458-6120

GARY W. HICKS  
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT II  
573-458-6122

## Phelps County Commission

PHELPS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
200 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 105  
ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401

Phone: 573-458-6000  
Fax: 573-458-6119

LAURA JOHNSON  
COUNTY CLERK  
573-458-6101

March 3, 2026

John Deere Company, Inc.  
2000 John Deere Run  
Cary, NC 27513

To Whom it may concern:

The Phelps County Commission would like to lease a 6130M tractor for a 12-month period, from 3/15/2026 through 3/15/2027, for \$6,314.00 for 350 hours and at a rate of \$27.00 per hour for any usage over the 350-hour time. We would like to utilize MODOT Bid number Multiple Award IFB605CO22000158. We would like to be invoiced in one installment for the total. Please use the following tax ID number 43-6002750. Send all invoices to the Phelps County Highway Department 11780 County Road 3080, Rolla, MO, 65401; the equipment should be shipped to this address as well.

If further information is required, please feel free to contact our office at (573)458-6120.

Sincerely,  
PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stiles, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

The Focus reporter entered at 11:02 am.

In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$107,453.44 for A - L, \$132,489.12 for M - Z, \$132,042.59 for February PC Self Insured UMR & KC Life, \$20,191.99 for March Contract Pay, \$4,104.59 for Multi-Vendor and \$5,952.61 for February PR great west & Nationwide.

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approve minutes from the 2/24 Commission meeting.

In the matter of  
Issues at the new Road Shed:

Discussions were had on the ongoing issues with the fire suppression storage tank freezing up at the new Road shed.

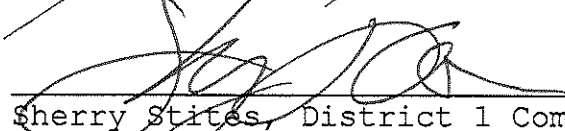
Commissioner Hicks called Engineer Cameron Schweiss with Archer Elgin to inquire on when this will be fixed but was unable to make contact to discuss the matter.

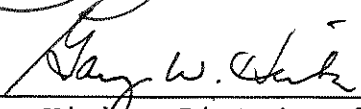
Case and Bock left at 11:40 am.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 11:42 am.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner



**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 5, 2026 Fifteenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved minutes from the 3/3 commission meeting.

Treasurer Cathy Tipton entered at 9:14 am.

In the matter of  
Sales tax report:

Tipton provided reports on sales tax and advised we are up 5% from this time last year so we are sitting good so far.

In the matter of  
Use tax report:

Tipton provided reports on the use tax and advised we up roughly 30,000 from the funds received in January.

In the matter of  
Opioid Report:

Tipton provided report on the Opioid funds and advised we are sitting at a balance of \$359,808.84 after all current obligations are taken out.

In the matter of  
CART fee Report:

Tipton provided reports on CART fees and advised we are down 6% on Vehicle Sales Tax from this time last year, down almost 2% on Vehicle fees from this time last year and we are up almost 10% on Fuel tax from this time last year.

In the matter of  
ADP payroll funds transfer back to GR:

Tipton provided commission with numbers on the amount that we had transferred into a separate fund for the ADP payroll transactions and explains since we are no longer utilizing ADP we need to close the account and transfer it back to General Revenue. Commissioner Hicks moved to close the ADP account and

place the entire amount \$409,284.11 into the emergency fund line on our budget, Commissioner Stites seconded, Motion carried.

Tipton left at 9:35 am.

Local resident Keith Davis entered at 9:42 am.

In the matter of  
CR 5460 & 5310 intersection:

Mr. Davis came in to thank the commission for laying gravel on the road and advised if possible he would like to see a t intersection or stop sign placed at this intersection for safety.

Davis left at 9:44 am.

In the matter of  
Stop sign at 5460 & 5310 intersection:

Commissioner Hicks moved to install a stop sign at the intersection of 5460 and 5310 the sign to be placed at the Western end of 5460, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried. County Clerk will create an ordinance to be signed at the next commission meeting.

In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$26,952.19 for A - L and \$44,302.65 for M - Z.

In the matter of  
Surplus Tax approval on Barker Estate:

Commission reviewed the applications received from a James Barker and Heather Barker for the surplus tax from the sale of property located in Newburg. Commissioner Stites moved to approve the release of surplus funds, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Local resident Edwin Pilotte entered at 10:30 am.

In the matter of  
Citizen input:

Pilotte advised commission he has found a gentleman that will bring in the necessary equipment to cut and remove the timber at the new shed. Commission advised it would be a liability to have a citizen on our property clearing timber and the Road Superintendent is going to have the county employees clear the area. Pilotte advised that is such a waste of timber.

Pilotte left at 10:34 am.

Road Superintendent Mark Case entered at 10:47 am followed by Admin Assistance Michelle Bock at 10:52 am and MODOT representatives Alex Schroeder and David Fields at 10:53 am.

In the matter of  
Public hearing- Rail crossing at Cardetti Rd:

As scheduled commission opened the public hearing to discussions on the closing of the Rosati Rail road crossing at 11:00 am. No members of the public were in attendance to provide feedback. MODOT advised they will get the paperwork started to close the crossing and advised they have to publish the closing paperwork for 30 days before they can finalize the closing. Further discussion was had on the notice to proceed being submitted after the 30 days has passed so that a check can be cut for the county in the amount of \$500,000. \$250,000 is from MODOT and \$250,000 is from BNSF. MODOT advised it is highly suggested the funds are placed into the Road department but the check is going to the county so they can decide where to deposit it. Discussions were had on utilizing some of the funds to asphalt county road 3644 and 3640 where the crossing was at.

In the matter of  
Equitable Sharing Agreement with Prosecuting attorney:

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement for the Prosecuting attorney's office, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried.


Shenefield entered at 11:22 am.  
Bock and Case left at 11:23 am.

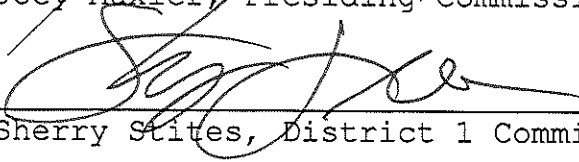
In the matter of  
Phelps Health updates:

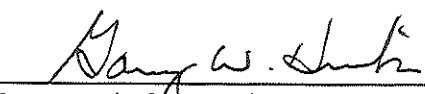
Shenefield provided commission with a flyer for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary launch party being held on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm -5pm in the Shirley Day Conference room.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner



**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 10, 2026 Sixteenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

Also present were Treasurer Cathy Tipton.

In the matter of  
New Opioid Settlements:

Commission received documentation of an additional 6 companies involved in the opioid settlement. Discussions were had on companies and the amount of the lawsuit. Commissioner Stites moved to opt in to the 6 remnant defendant opioid settlement, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Tipton left at 9:18 am.

In the matter of  
Stop Sign Order on CR 5460:

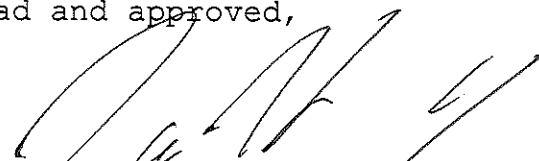
Discussions were had on the proposed order for erecting a stop sign pursuant to RSMo 304.351. Commission asked Johnson to look into whether the order needs to be sent to MODOT and Highway patrol or just to our road superintendent.

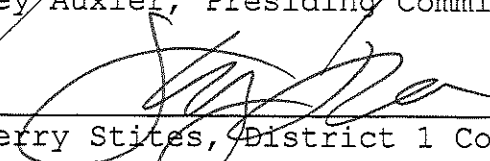
In the matter of  
Surplus Tax Approval on Woolsey Estate:

Commission reviewed the application for release of surplus tax from tax sale certificate number 2023-00013. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve releasing the surplus tax in the amount of \$6,413.03 to Woolsey, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 10:28 am.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner



**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 12, 2026 Seventeenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

In the matter of  
Vineyard Drive Discussions:

Discussions were had on the storm water drainage issues on vineyard drive. Commission is aware of the ongoing issue and advised Mr. Appler that commission would look further into the matter with the road superintendent to see if they can make a plan to correct it.

Local resident Marc Koller entered at 9:05 am followed by Treasurer Cathy Tipton at 9:06 am.

In the matter of  
SCCCA Dues:

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve paying the South Central County Commissioners Association dues in the amount of \$60, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried.

In the matter of  
SEMA Hazardous Materials Contract:

Commissioner Stites moved to approve the contract in the county match amount of \$8,333.33, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$24,027.05 for UMB Bank 50% EATS Rolla Westside TIF, \$5,949.13 for March PR Great-West & Nationwide, \$500.00 for HFL, \$130,049.09 for A - L and \$65,253.83 for M - Z. Commission discussed the meal reimbursements to the Transport officers that are still being submitted when commission discussed this in the past with the sheriff. Commission asked Johnson to pull the minutes from when this was discussed to review.

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved minutes form the 3/10 commission meeting.

Lasher entered at 9:58 am.

In the matter of  
Summit Food Services Bill:

Lasher advised the jail has just discovered that Summit increased the inmate food services contract and Summit did not inform them of the increase. Discussions were had on the negotiating to lower the increase per meal from .06 to .02 but it is still an increase that no one was aware of. Further discussions were had on the need to review the contract with Summit to see if they breached it or if there is something allowing them to increase without notifying us.

Kevin Crider entered at 10:01 am.

Lasher and Koller left at 10:08 am.

In the matter of  
Pipeline discussions:

Mark Case called commission to inquire about the Ammonia Pipeline that is calling him again asking about the county's stance. Commissioner Stites advised she remembered this being discussed and thought it was in a commission meeting. Johnson said she would look through minutes from the March-April 2025 timeframe to see what can be found.

Deb Frost with Compass Health entered at 10:14 am followed by Jamie Meyer with Prevention Consultants at 10:17 am and Treasurer Cathy Tipton reentered at 10:18 am.

In the matter of  
Feral Hog eradication program:

Crider presents commission with documentation of land owners in the region that have partnered with the Feral Hog program to help eradicate the population of the destructive wild hogs. Discussions were had on of the participating states Missouri holds the #1 position on decreasing the feral hog population at a rate of 83% decrease.

Crider left at 10:30 am.  
Local resident Monty Willy entered at 10:51 am and left at 10:54 am.

In the matter of  
Opioid Committee Obligations:

Meyer presented commission with the opioid committees current approved proposals for commission to make final approval. Discussions were had on the MS&T invoices needing to match what the approved expenses are listed at for auditing purposes. Discussions were had on having MS&T word the invoices to say Curriculum and training as the approved contract states. Meyer

advised due to implementing the transportation side of the funding MOCA and Drug Court have opted in and are now providing these services which cuts down on the cost needed from the Opioid funding. Commissioner Stites recommended to move what was spent from last year into this year so they can continue to provide the services to continue assisting the community. Commissioner Hicks advised that it sounds like a good idea and he would like to see that in a written grant proposal along with some metrics before giving a final approval. Meyer advised he has another 2 requests for funds from the Sheriff's department. The first request is for funding to pay the mental health portion of the medical contract for the inmates in the amount of \$99,537.39 annually. Meyer pointed out that the committee did request the number of Phelps County inmates that would be under this service request as that is important to know our funding is being used on our county residents. Stites advised she is having a hard time with the reported numbers and wants to know if there is a way to get a detailed report of who was provided the services or at least the amount of inmates broken out by county, state or federal stays. The second request was for medications related to withdrawal stabilization and MAT medications in the amount of \$95,000 annually. Commissioner Stites advised we should look at potentially looking at splitting the cost associated to the mental health request and then fully pay for the medications. Commissioner Stites moved to accept the recommendation of \$95,000 on request #2 for medications to the sheriff's department, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried. Commission decided to table request #1 for further discussions to be had.


Meyer presented another request for funding that was provided by a new program called "Bunch of Joy". This program would provide a housing program for youth and young adults aging out of foster care. The request of \$12,000 annually was presented to start up this program. Commissioner Stites moved to approve the request of \$12,000, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

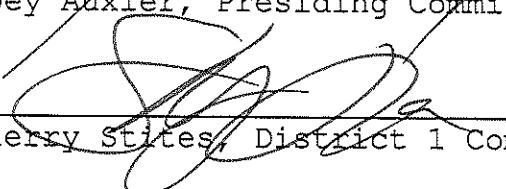
Meyer and Frost left at 11:34 am.

Discussions were had again on the request #1 for opioid funding to subsidize the mental health services from Cardinal for inmate services. Further discussions were had on the commission feeling that the opioid funds could be better utilized in our community. Commissioner Stites moved to decline proposal #1 for \$99,537.39 for Contracted Mental Health services in the jail, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

*Gary W. Hicks*

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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 17, 2026 Eighteenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Deputy Clerk Lorraine Britt took minutes. Commissioner Stites was absent due to a prior scheduled meeting and County Clerk Johnson was conducting Election Judge Training.

Also present Local Resident Carolyn Root.

In the Matter of  
New Polling Location:

Carolyn Root voiced her concerns about the Newburg Precinct moving to the Red Barn. She wanted to know who made the decision to move their voting location there. She also said they had asked three years ago about moving the voting location to another church in Newburg with better parking. She is concerned about the residents who live nearby and are disabled or have no vehicle and cannot get to the new voting location. Commissioners informed her that the decision was made by the County Clerk and was due in part but not limited to flooding and staffing. Root said that a petition was being put together.

Local Resident Monte Willy entered at 9:15 am.

In the Matter of  
CR 8270:

Monte Willy was checking on the status of CR 8270. He asked when the money needs to be collected for the paving work that will be done. Commissioners called Road Department Supervisor Mark Case. Willy was asked to stop in at the road department shed and leave his phone number with them and they will be in contact with him.

Willy and Root left at 9:30 am.  
Local Resident Chester Kojro entered at 9:35.  
Commissioner Auxier signed a change of contract to remove Elizabeth Davis from BASIC.

Health Director Sonya Berry entered at 9:57 and left at 10:05 am.

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the 3/12 commission meeting.

Kojro left at 10:30 am.

In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$18.05 for MRPC February 2026 ARPA invoice for Administrative Services, \$106,401.08 for general invoices A-L and \$27,678.26 for general invoices M-Z.

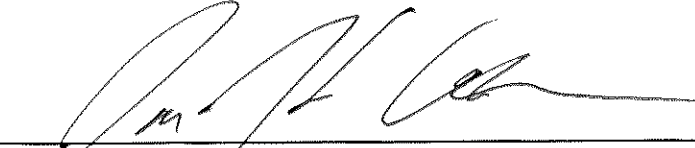
Local Resident Randy Furse entered and left at 11:32 am.

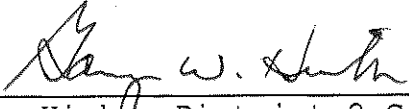
In the matter of  
BRO funding:

Discussion was had in regard to an email the Commission received from MODOT Transportation Coordinator Joanne Prenger declaring availability of soft match credit funds from Boone County at a rate of \$0.65 on the dollar for \$100,000.00 of soft match credit and at the cost of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Hicks made the motion to purchase the soft match if available utilizing the Use Tax funds. Commissioner Auxier seconded. Motion passed.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Read and Approved:

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 19, 2026 Nineteenth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
 Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
 Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
 Laura Johnson, County Clerk

In the matter of  
 BRO Funding discussions continued:

Commission received further information on the soft match from Boone County related to the BRO funds. Discussions were had on us increasing our match to \$150,000 from \$100,000. Commissioner Stites moved to increase the match amount by \$50,000 making the total match \$150,000 to Boone County, Commissioner Hicks seconded motion carried.

In the matter of  
 Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved minutes from the 3/17 commission meeting.

In the matter of  
 Collector Form 205:

Johnson presented commission with the below form showing the collectors annual settlement for the tax year 2025.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF TAXATION AND COLLECTION COUNTY TAX SECTION 85730 751-5858 TDD 1-800-735-3988 P.O. BOX 455, JEFFERSON CITY, MO 64105-0455 COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT				FORM 205 PAGE 1 OF 3
ANNUAL SETTLEMENT OF FAITH ANN BARNER, COLLECTOR OF PHELPS COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025				
SUMMARY OF CHARGES		AMOUNTS	SUMMARY OF CREDITS	
TOTAL CURRENT		40,882,848.81	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	41,701,737.47
TOTAL BACK AND PROTESTED		2,866,662.80	TOTAL DELINQUENTS	2,454,583.18
TOTAL OTHER		827,024.85	TOTAL ABATEMENTS	389,196.70
			TOTAL PROTESTED	0.00
			TOTAL REFUNDS AND OTHER	0.00
TOTAL CHARGES		44,545,528.35	TOTAL CREDITS	44,545,528.35
TAX BOOK DIFFERENCES			TAX BOOK DIFFERENCES	0.00
GRAND TOTAL CHARGES		44,545,528.35	GRAND TOTAL CREDITS	44,545,528.35
*TOTAL BORTAX IN THIS COUNTY IS NOT RECORDED AS A SEPARATE DETERMINATION				
DISTRIBUTIONS				
STATE		248,302.82	DUPLICATE FEES PAID (1)	439.00
CD, REV (1)		609,476.18	HSF FEES PAID (1)	275.00
ROAD		700,882.86	Phelps County Public Water District	
HOSPITAL		10,819.33	MERCHANT LICENSE PAID COUNTY (1)	3,778.00
Schools		32,406,118.37	TAX SALE FEES PAID (2)	8,224.00
CITIES *		2,857,732.84	Collector City Contract	26,285.16
Assessment		802,271.40	County City Contract	26,285.16
Stew Dis		645,139.30		
Clerk Fees		278.85		
Ambulance		9,074.47		
Competition		885,028.88		
DEEP		348,955.23		
TRAF (2)		69,888.00		
FIRE DISTRICTS		2,866,785.78		
Recording Fees		218.00		
SUBTOTAL		41,036,484.15	SUBTOTAL	86,243.32
			TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	41,701,737.47
I, LAURA JOHNSON, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PHELPS COUNTY HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE AND THE ATTACHED TO BE A COPY OF THE ANNUAL SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTY COLLECTOR WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE <u>19th</u> DAY OF <u>March</u> 2026. FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025 AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PHELPS COUNTY, DONE AT MY OFFICE IN ROLLA THIS <u>19th</u> DAY OF <u>March</u> 2026. CLERK OF COUNTY COMMISSION <u>Laura Johnson</u> *The electronic form was developed and distributed by the Office of State Auditor.				

Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 9:29 am.

In the matter of  
Real and Personal Property Court Orders:

Commission reviewed and approved Real Property court orders on parcel #2023-3892, 2024-3892 and 2025-3892.  
Commission reviewed and approved Personal Property court order #'s 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316 and 2317.

Deb Frost with Compass Health entered at 9:55 am.

In the matter of  
Opioid funding amended allocation:

Frost provided commission with the amended request of funds for Compass Health. Commissioner Stites moved to accept the amended proposal utilizing opioid funds adding Housing support/living costs for individuals and bringing the total back up to \$39,000, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Frost left at 10:03 am.

In the matter of  
Extension Council office space:

Commission discussed advising the extension council they need to vacate the space so the prosecutor's office can utilize it. Further discussions were had on advising the extension they will have 30 days to move all of their items out of the space as the Prosecutors need it with the increased case load.  
Health Department Director Sonya Berry entered at 10:14 am.

In the matter of  
Health Dept. Fleet Vehicle policy:

Berry provided commission with a Fleet Vehicle Policy for the commission to review and approve. Auxier asked Berry to add no transporting of Marijuana or Marijuana products to her list.

Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 10:17 am.  
Berry left at 10:24 am.

In the matter of  
Sheriff's Department updates:

Kirn advised he the commission should have 4 requests from the Opioid Committee where he has asked for funding. Commission advised they have only seen 2 come through and they only approved the 1 for medications related to detoxing. Kirn advised there should be 2 additional requests for purchasing equipment

that would scan and report vitals back to the correctional officers and medical staff to hopefully prevent bad things from happening. Sheriff advised he was approved for his per diem increase on the federal inmate side but not for ICE inmates yet due to the government shutdown. Johnson asked commission if they want the AP Clerk to pay the counties portion of the Emergency Manager position as the grant has not been approved at this time do to the government shut down. Commission advised yes pay our portion (50%) to the sheriff. Discussions were had on the need to have an individual on contract to find, write and track grant funding for the county. Stites looked up grant funding opportunities and found a few that could be beneficial to the Sheriff's department.

Treasurer Cathy Tipton entered at 10:54 am.

In the matter of  
Opioid medication proposal revisited:

Tipton advised commission that there are some instances where the costs of the medicine will go over what is approved so we will not be able to pay those by the 2 GL codes as we originally planned. Additional question was asked on what is needed in order to make the transfer to be able to pay these each month. Stites advised the Sheriffs department will need to provide a breakdown of the meds and provide a list of the meds approved to be paid from opioid funds so that we have a proper paper trail for auditing purposes.

Tipton left at 11:07 am.

In the matter of  
Christmas party:

Discussions were had on setting the Christmas party for the county employees on December 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Stites asked Sheriff for theme ideas and discussion on if we should maybe smoke some meat and have the elected officials serve the employees were had.

Local resident Josh Vroman entered at 11:18 am.

Kirn left at 11:25 am.

Vroman left at 11:44 am followed by Stites at 11:56 am.

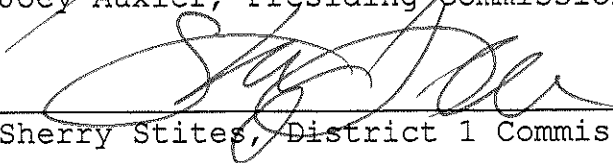
In the matter of  
Speed limit sign at Quarry Trail Rd:

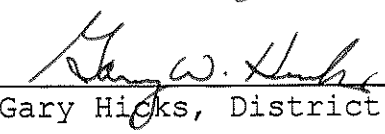
Hicks moved to erect a speed limit sign at the entrance of quarry I, II and III subdivision on Quarry Trail Rd at a rate of 25 mph, Commissioner Auxier seconded, motion carried. Johnson will compose an ordinance to be signed at the next Thursday meeting.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

**Phelps County Commission Record**  
**March 24, 2026 Twentieth Day of the January Term**

Now at this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved minutes from the 3/19 Commission meeting.

In the matter of  
Fuel Bid Solicitation:

Commission reviewed and approved the fuel bid solicitations for Road and Bridge department, Sheriff's department and Coroner's office.

Local Resident Chester Kojro entered at 9:38 am.  
Local resident Nikki Seifert entered at 9:56 am.

In the matter of  
Bunch of Joy discussions:

Seifert advised commission that she needs to make a few changes to her approved request of opioid funds. She advised she was not able to locally source her laptops due to the prices. She further advised she is going to work on getting the website created and the gentleman building the site is going to do the work and then send an invoice to be paid. Stites advised commission could make her life easier by providing her approved funds upfront and then requesting the receipts showing the proof of purchases with the funds for auditing purposes. Seifert advised she liked that idea and she has Maria Bancroft as her treasurer for the Bunch of Joy program who has years of banking experience. Stites further advised she just needs to present an amended proposal asking for the funds upfront and advising she will submit receipts for all purchases of the opioid funds.

Local resident Bryan Parker entered at 10:12 am.  
Seifert left at 10:15 am.  
Parker left at 10:27 am followed by Kojro at 10:32 am.  
Nathan Taylor with Falconry and MS&T entered at 10:33 am.

In the matter of  
Drone flights in the County:

Taylor advised he is with Falconry who are setting up a flight path utilizing drones to transfer tissue samples from Phelps

Health to St Louis for rapid testing to be done. He advised by utilizing these drones they are going to be able to assist patients in need much faster than driving them. Taylor advised they have all their permits and clearance from the FAA and have been approved a top speed of 87 knots. Taylor further advised the particular drone they are using has been successfully used in Africa for the past 8 years and he is excited to bring this service to Missouri. Further discussions were had on there being a ribbon cutting with the City to launch this service.

Taylor left at 10:46 am.


In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$5,856.68 for March PR Great-West & Nationwide, \$17,832.94 for Sheriff Invoices, \$24,083.61 for A - L and \$46,020.40 for M - Z.

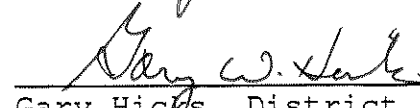
Commissioner Stites left at 11:18 am for a prior arranged meeting at CASA.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 11:58 am.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

## Phelps County Commission Record

March 26, 2026 Twenty-First Day of the January Term

Now at this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

Commission left the chambers at 9:00 am to do a walk through on how we can partition off the space to allow the Prosecutors office more usable office space. Commission returned to chambers at 9:14 am.

In the matter of  
Quarterly Department funds review:

Commission reviewed all county funds to insure there are office holders over spending what has been budgeted. Commission found that fund 410 had a few lines over spent already and will make sure to keep an eye on that fund when it comes back around for the second quarter reviews in June. Commissioner Hicks asked Johnson to see if there is a way to program a notification to be sent if a line within a fund goes negative instead of it being the entire fund like it is currently set up.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Case and Admin Assistant Michelle Bock entered at 9:30 am followed by Quetin Matheis with Capital Paving at 9:36 am.

In the matter of  
Emerald Springs Subdivision discussions:

Case advised the work being done at the new Emerald Springs subdivision is currently at a halt. Discussions were had on the road that was cut and packed not being able to have asphalt laid due to failing the proof roll related to structural issues in areas where the storm water conveyance in not set up correctly.

In the matter of  
CR 2000 Bid Opening:

As Scheduled commission opened up bids as follows:

- Pierce Asphalt opened at 9:48 am came in at \$249,571.00 for section B and \$142,711.00 for section A.
- West Contracting opened at 9:53 am came in at \$205,212.54 for section A and \$295,103.26 for section B.
- Capital Paving opened at 9:55 am came in at \$138,113.50 for section A and \$248,570.50 for section B.

Commission and Road advised they will take all bids under advisement and make a decision at a later date.

Kevin Webery with West Contracting entered at 10:00 am.

In the matter of  
CR 8110 Bid Opening:

As scheduled commission opened bids as follows:

- Pierce Asphalt opened at 10:02 am came in at \$255,242.50 total.
- West Contracting opened at 10:04 am came in at \$289,923.25 total.
- Capital Paving opened at 10:06 am came in at \$251,091.15 total.

Commission and Road advised they will take all bids under advisement and make a decision at a later date.

Webery and Matheis left at 10:08 am.

Tommy Pickering with Central Fence LLC entered at 10:12 am.

In the matter of  
Fence Bid Opening:

As scheduled commission opened bids as follows:

- Mid Missouri Property Management and Fence opened at 10:15 am came in at \$31,266.00 total.
- Mid Missouri Fence opened at 10:17 am came in at \$28,300.00 total.
- Central Fence LLC opened at 10:19 am came in at \$28,200.00 total.

Commissioner Stites moved to accept the lowest bidder, Central Fence LLC, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried. Discussions were had on setting a deadline to be completed of 150 days.

Assessor Tim Kean entered at 10:50 am.

In the matter of  
Speed limit ordinance in Quarry Trail Subdivision:

Commissioner Stites moved to adopt the 25 mph speed limit in Quarry I, II and III, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

In the matter of  
Review of Minutes:

Commission reviewed and approved minutes from the 3/24 commission meeting.

In the matter of  
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$12,877.71 for A - L, \$19,243.00 for M - Z and \$129,652.18 for Apr Premiums Self Insured UMR/KCL.

Health Department Director Sonya Berry entered at 10:51 am followed by Senior Companions Director Yvonne Leuthauser at 10:53 am, Support Services Sissy Shults and HR/Payroll administrator Amy Asberry at 10:56 am, Collector Faith Barnes and Recorder Robin Kordes at 11:00 am. Treasurer Cathy Tipton entered at 11:06 am.

In the matter of  
Quarterly Department Head meeting:

Assessor Kean advised he was curious if the county has looked into the MDC program to remove the Bradford pair trees on county property and replace with a different non-invasive tree. Shults advised she has looked into it and the tree options are not good. Commissioner Hicks advised he would like to see the Bradford pair trees removed.

Commissioner Stites advised the county Christmas party will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and she has already secured the Lions Club den for the county. Stites further advised she has already started collecting gifts for the prizes to the employees. She also advised she is thinking of having elected officials smoke or grill meat and bring in sides inside of hiring someone to cater. Tipton advised the vending fund has a little over \$3,000 in it to be used for employee events.

Kordes advised the food trucks that she arranges monthly seem to be a hit with employees. She further advised the most positive feed back she has been receiving is from the Faithful bled coffee trailer. Kordes reminded everyone of which month they are responsible for with the monthly employee engagement activity for the parking space.

Discussions were had on the upcoming take a stand lemonade stand. Tipton advised she is fine with organizing the stand and volunteers again.

Johnson advised everyone in attendance that the 23-24 audit was completed and there were 3 findings. Was inaccuracy with SEFA which seems to happen every audit, 2 was specific lines that go over need to be having a documented meeting requesting and advising why an amendment needs to be made and the 3<sup>rd</sup> was the financial statement was late due to Johnson being in the hospital and having surgery. She further advised commission will be having quarterly reviews of every county fund to head off any excess spending and she plans to train Lorraine on how to compile the Financial statements so that if an emergency arises again there will be someone in the office that can compile and submit the statement with in the statutory deadlines.

Commissioner Stites advised everyone of the multiple projects that have been approved with Opioid funding for our community and those in need.

Barnes advised she has sent out roughly 1,750 post cards advising Phelps county citizens that enrolled in the Senior Tax Freeze they can renew their applications by scanning the QR code on those cards.

Berry advised she has her 2 fleet vehicles and is working on finalizing her fleet policy for her employees to sign. She further advised she is deep into grant funding options for the fiscal year and advised currently there is a 25 % cut in funding but Governor Keyhoe is working on trying to get Health departments full funding.

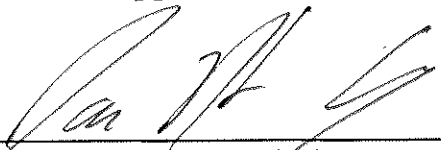
Leuthauser advised she just finished up her first job fair to gain more volunteers for the Senior Companions program in Rolla and they have one coming up in St. James. She further advised she just submitted her application for her grant funding for the fiscal year and are just waiting to hear back now.

Kean advised he has several employees out working on the next assessment year numbers.

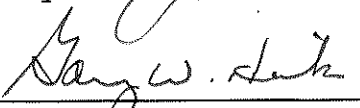
Johnson advised she has created an election notification facebook page to further reach out to the citizens of the county in hopes of bringing more voters out during elections. She further advised she is in need of poll workers so she would appreciate anyone reaching out to family and friends that might be interested in working.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 10:04 pm.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

## Phelps County Commission Record

March 31, 2026 Twenty-Second Day of the January Term

Now at this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner  
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner  
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner  
Laura Johnson, County Clerk

Also present were Prosecutor Taylor Banholzer.

Stites moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1), Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried and moved to closed session at 9:00 am.

Commissioner Hicks moved to go out of closed session, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried and returned to open session at 9:15 am.

Banholzer left at 9:15 am.

Tonya Greven and Mike Scott with BPJ entered at 9:16 am.

Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 9:25 am.

In the matter of  
BPJ Quarterly Report:

Scott advised commission that he has reviewed the most recent copy of our employee handbook and has found a few things that need to be corrected to follow the laws. Scott will make all necessary changes and forward the handbook to Johnson so she can have the County Prosecutor review it for final accuracy before implementing. Further discussions were had on there needing to be a mandatory training for all elected officials and department heads so they are aware of the laws and what their responsibility individually is.

Scott presents commission with documents for review. Discussions were had on last year being really well and the county have a good reserve set up. Further discussions were had on there being an increase in claims for the month of February which is likely do to the year claims being processed. Scott advised when you look at 2024 vs 2025 telehealth visits have more than doubled so more employees are utilizing the service.

Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 10:12 am.

Greven and Scott left at 10:20 am.

In the matter of  
Sheriff's Department updates:

Sheriff advised he has contracted an attorney with MOPERM to deal with 3 individuals that are continually harassing the department for records and threatening suit.

Discussions were had on the amount of fatal crashes in the county the last few weeks. Sheriff advised he is increasing traffic patrol to hopefully detour the speeding and distracted driving.

Hicks advised sheriff we have a request asking to allow a Phelscuntysheriff.gov domain be created and wanted to know why. Johnson proposed to sheriff that the county is already in the works of doing this so to save money would he just utilize the county's site so that all county departments are listed under 1 website and not spending additional funds. Further discussions were had on once we have the domain set every office holder will have access to edit and add items and post job listings to their page within the domain. Sheriff advised he will reach out to his IT to see if there would be any issues with them utilizing the county domain.

Treasurer Cathy Tipton entered at 10:42 am followed by local resident David Dukes at 10:50 am.  
Kirn left at 10:52 am.

In the matter of  
Cart Fund report and letter:

Tipton provided commission with CART fund report documents and advised the county is setting good.  
Johnson gave commission a letter from Road and Bridge to participate in the 2026 fiscal year CART fund program.  
Commissioner Stites moved to approve the letter, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried.

Tipton left at 10:55 am.

In the matter of  
Citizen Input:

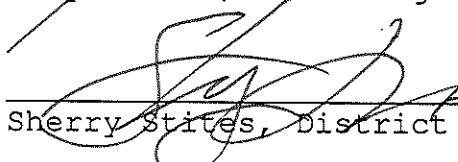
Dukes advised commission when he was heading to his church on CR 8250 last week there were tires dumped all along the road. He advised commission that he and a few others picked up all the tires and further asked if he could create a community service on that road to clean up trash. Further discussions were had on Dukes needing to reach out to Judge Clayton and see if he would allow this for drug court participants to get community services hours. Dukes further advised commission that he is planning to submit 3 RFPs to the opioid board to assist with expenses to his program since it is growing and he is reaching out more addicts and helping them on their road to recovery. Dukes further advised he has reached out to probation and parole to try and get a letter of support for setting up community service program but has not heard back from them yet. Commission advised if he ever needs a letter of support from Commission, they would be happy to sign one for him.

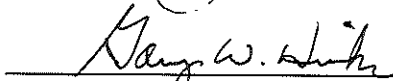
Dukes left at 11:20 am.

Hearing no other business commission adjourned at 11:53 am.

Read and approved,

  
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Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

  
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Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

