

THE OCTOBER TERM HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

The County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on October 16, 2023.

Present: Joseph Kaimann, Presiding Commissioner; Mike Mueller, Associate Commissioner District 1; Matt Bass, Associate Commissioner District 2; Kenneth Schulte, County Clerk; and Aimee Vann, Deputy Clerk.

The following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Bass.

Julie Rodgers, Economic Development

- Discussed requests for information that have been submitted; Discussed the status of ongoing projects and business expansions; Discussed various infrastructure activities and industrial site development; and discussed recent and upcoming community events.

Quentin Laws, Emergency Management and Floodplain

- Laws provided an update on the recent mass evacuation training that he attended, including, but not limited to who makes the mandatory evacuation mandate, how to get gas to vehicles when power is compromised, how to get often overlooked emergency supplies to citizens, the ability to switch highway/interstate direction to aid in evacuations, and sheltering regulations.
- Reported on the City of Silex water issue. Reverse osmosis machines have been sourced, but the Department of Natural Resources has stated that they can't be used due to the waste run off. The machines also run on gas and the city cannot afford to keep them running as needed. They have signed a consent decree with the Environmental Protection Agency which gives them 60 days to fix the issue. They currently only have a 3-week supply of bottled water for residents. Laws will be meeting with SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) on Thursday for further discussion.

Dan Heavin, Coroner

- Provided the Commission with updates pertaining to the County. There have been 18 traffic fatalities YTD; There have been more than two dozen deaths relating to fentanyl YTD.
- The last remaining unidentified person in Lincoln County is set to be exhumed on November 3, 2023. The unidentified female was found near the Hatfield Landing on the Mississippi River near Elsberry, MO on March 31, 1978. Southern Illinois University will be performing ground penetrating radar in advance of the exhumation on October 27, 2023.
- The Coroner's office received a MidAmerica Grant of \$2,250.


New Business

- The Commission signed a proclamation declaring the month of November 2023, as Embrace-A-Senior Month in Lincoln County.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Monday, October 23, 2023.


 Kenneth Schulte
 County Clerk




 Joseph Kaimann
 Presiding Commissioner


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 Associate Commissioner District I


 Matt Bass
 Associate Commissioner District II