



January 28, 2025

CCI-Guiding Coalition Meeting

In Attendance: 23-25

Call to Order: By Joe @ 12 p.m.

Introductions

- *Online visitors' guide. It's a month away from publishing.
- *Feasibility Study is nearing completion
- *Friends of the Clinton County Library has been created to help pass a levy for the recently created library district and has had three meetings. It is in a public educational phase. In late February/early March, it will transition into an election campaign phase. FCCL will sponsor a chili/soup fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Monday February 17 at the Community Courtyard.

JoEllen Pratt, library director for the Cameron Municipal Library spoke on the mission of public libraries. Her library has 35,000 books, several computers and access to a large collection of digital books, music and movies. The library serves as a community building. Its funding is currently set at \$.19/\$100. Voters originally approved a \$.25 levy, which is the amount the Clinton County Library is placing before voters in April, and must to partner with Cameron in the future.

Great Northwest Days is approaching.

The topic of the day was agriculture.

Corey Strider said our local farmers deserve credit for being environmentally and community conscious. They also promote food safety.

Commissioner Richard Riddell reported that the current county zoning plan encourages residential development south of Highway 116 and discourages it north of the highway. The zoning plan is 20 years old and is being updated.

Agribusiness highlights in the county include Shatto Milk Company, Paradise Meat Locker and the new Murphy Meats processing plant planned for near I-35.

A discussion of value-added agriculture included input from Mike Dzado who would like to promote locally grown vegetables, fruits, livestock and fish. He has expertise in hydroponic greenhouses and aquaculture. Growing food is not the issue; marketing is. There are not enough farmers market opportunities.

Community Supported Agriculture is one possibility to improve and sustain locally grown farm products. In that model, consumers buy a subscription from a farmer or a farming cooperative and are guaranteed produce. The model gives farmers a financial base and assures consumers of freshly grown foods.

Mike is interest in grants to help beginning farmers purchase equipment.



University of Missouri Extension can provide information and support through a network of specialists. Debbie Davis urged farmers to be good neighbors. For instance, row crop farmers spray pesticides that can drift onto nearby vegetable farms. They should be cautious and considerate.

Brandon Halsey would like to start a commercial kitchen on his farm south of Plattsburg. It would be a facility for local farmers to process and add value to crops such as apples and vegetables.

Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville has a commercial kitchen as part of its ag program.

The initial architectural drawings for the proposed library has space for a commercial kitchen.

CCI's mission is to facilitate conversations like this one.

Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next FCCL meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, February 6 at the Community Courtyard.

Next Nav Team meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 19 at the Community Courtyard.

Next CG meeting will be in March. Details to follow.