Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

August 11, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 11th day of August 2021 at 8:15 a.m. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, was present. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, arrived late.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing work.

His crew will be working in Salem Township this week replacing a double tube. They will be mowing in Marion Township this week, weather permitting.

RaCail King, County Health Director, spoke by phone to the Commission to advise them of current Coronavirus cases in Daviess County. RaCail advised as of Wednesday morning the county numbers were 28 actives, 824 total, 4 hospitalized, 780 out of isolation, and 16 deaths. Daviess County’s vaccination rate is currently 22.5%.

David Michael, Grand River Twp landowner, met with the Commission to discuss road issues in Grand River.

Jim Ruse arrived at 9:00 am.

Albert, Family Heritage Supplement Ins (Globe Life), met with the Commission to discuss insurance options for the county's employees. The Commission will investigate and get back with him.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission that there were no new guidelines for the ARPA funds. A new reporting portal was activated on August 10th.

Discussion was held regarding the agreement between Caldwell County and Daviess County to accept the permanent responsibility of stream bed repair and management, and bridge maintenance and repair for the new bridge on 290th Street being built by Caldwell County. David Cox made a motion to accept the agreement between Caldwell County and Daviess County to accept maintenance on the stream bed and bridge on 290th Street, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. Wayne Uthe made a motion to appoint Jim Ruse as the sole signature on this agreement, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission received BRO 38 Progress invoice #4 and approved it for payment as soon as federal funds are received.

David Cox made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 MPR Insurance Summary agreement, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Discussion was held about confusion regarding the wording of the brush letters. Jim Ruse made some additions to clarify that brush must be “eradicated” (removed including overhanging limbs) for a minimum of 15’ (some roads 20’) from the center of the road going up to the sky. This is required by state statute and is necessary for road graders, gravel trucks, machinery, etc to use the road.

The Commission discussed mandatory Local Public Administrator (LPA) training that is due this year. Several opportunities will be available in September to take the required courses.

John Dwiggins & Gary McFee, Howe & Co, met with the Commission to discuss possibilities of another BRO bridge project soon. The Commission is looking at a bridge on 190th Street in Sheridan Township as the next possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

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