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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

September 15, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 15th day of September 2021 at 8:12 am. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, and Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, were present.

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

His crew will be repairing a bridge approach on Axle Ave in Salem Township. Discussion was held regarding a bridge that needs attention in Sheridan Township. Discussion was held regarding cleaning up the storage lot. The crew has been working on it but has some more work to do. Discussion was also held regarding a bridge repair needed on Unity Ave in Colfax Township

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 there were 36 actives, 957 total, 3 hospitalized, and 17 deaths.

Discussion was held regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Applications are now available for all seven summary categories from the County Clerk’s office or on the county website [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) . Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible for consideration, as funds for 2021 will go fast. Funds for 2022 will be received in July 2022.

Jeannie Cunningham, Mike Keith Ins, met with the Commission to discuss insurance options for the 2021-2022 plan year. David Cox made a motion to keep the existing BCBS KC PPO plan with the County picking up the 3.89% increase for 2021-2022 plan year and continuing to have employees pay $31 per month of the $613 monthly cost, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Jane McKinsey, Recorder, met with the Commission to discuss her state reimbursement for 2021 due in Sept.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, advised the Commission that she had four lake lots sold and restored to the tax rolls. She also discussed whether the courthouse will be open on Dec 31st this year. The Commission advised the courthouse would be observing New Year’s Day on Friday, Dec 31st and would be closed. Taxpayers will need to make arrangements to get their taxes paid on Thursday, Dec 30th.

Zack Morrison, PWSD#2, met with the Commission to submit an ARPA application for Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure, Expense Category 5.

Discussion was held regarding a bid from RenoDry for a system to help keep the stone and masonry walls of the courthouse dry that will expire on Oct 31st. The Commission decided to let the bid expire.

The Commission received their yearly request from Children’s Mercy Hospital for a donation towards reimbursing costs from treating Daviess County children of approximately $5 million in 2020. David Cox made a motion to send $4,000 to Children’s Mercy that was appropriated in the 2021 budget, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented the Commission with wording for a notice that is being required by the MO Department of Revenue to be published in a county newspaper regarding Daviess County’s existing Use Tax. David Cox made a motion to publish the notice in the Tri-County Weekly for two weeks, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed a situation with the trailer the flags are stored in and what needed to be done to repair the roof of the trailer. The Commission will go look at the trailer and see what can be done to repair.

The Commission received an invitation to join the Local Public Administrator (LPA) advisory committee from David Earls, MO DOT. Invitation declined by Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of obtaining a Solid Waste grant to put recycle trailers around Daviess County. Issue tabled for later consideration.

Caldwell County notified the Commission of an upcoming Little Otter Creek meeting on Sept 17th in Kingston, MO. Wayne Uthe will attend.

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David Cox will attend the Transportation Action Committee (TAC) meeting in Trenton, MO on Sept 23rd. Jim Ruse and Wayne Uthe will attend the final session of the Local Public Administrator (LPA) training by Zoom meeting in the Commission chambers on the same day.

David Cox presented his LPA training certification for 2021-2023. He is now certified to oversee BRO projects.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to advise them an issue with a loose bull in Gallatin had been resolved.

In the afternoon, the Commission looked at roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Colfax Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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