Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 6th day of October 2021 at 8:15 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 has been mowing in Marion Township this week. The road and bridge crew will continue the mowing operation at least one day a week until they are able to hire an additional crew member. They are continuing to accept applications.

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 5 actives, 979 total, 1 hospitalized, and 17 deaths.

Discussion was held regarding engineering contracts for BRO 031(38). David Cox made a motion to amend the Project Engineering contract on BRO 38 to include $6770 for an additional permit, and to exclude the Construction Engineering contract for $29,000, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

David Cox advised the Commission that he is working on getting the paperwork together to submit for Soft Match credit.

The contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 2021-2022 plan year was signed by Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner.

Mazzie Boyd, Candidate for MO State Rep District #2, met with the Commission to introduce herself. She spoke about upcoming legislation in both the US Congress and the State Legislature.

The Commission approved BRO 38 Inv 6 for preliminary engineering work.

Jennifer Pankau, Daviess County Nursing & Rehab, spoke to the Commission by phone to discuss ongoing repairs at the care center. Her and Jennifer Miskimins will meet with the Commission on Oct 13th at 10:30 am.

Wayne Uthe made a motion to continue our current County Employees Retirement Fund (CERF) policy to not supplement employee's contribution to CERF for 2022, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed whether to opt-in to an opioid settlement the state of MO has agreed to. A decision to opt-in was reached.

The Commission has been invited to attend the Green Hills Heritage Highway Forum on Oct 29th at Access II.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, met with the Commission to advise them she had sold several lake lots this week for at least the back tax amount. She is negotiating with an additional buyer for a yacht club lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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