Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 13, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 13th 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 and Jefferson Townships 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 8 actives, 986 total, 0 hospitalized, and 17 deaths.

Discussion was held regarding finishing upgrading the floor in the Extension office. The Commission previously approved the expenditure. Wayne Uthe will contact Becky Simpson to see what the timeline is to complete.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission there are some new clarifications to the American Rescue Plan Act funds disbursement rules posted by the MO Office of Administration. Ronetta will present a breakdown of the applications received next Wednesday for consideration.

David Cox advised the Commission he had been asked whether road 607 (a part of Ashwood Ave in Benton Twp) was a Daviess County or Harrison County maintained road. Ronetta Burton was able to determine that the road is a Daviess County Road and the portion in question had been closed sometime in the past. He also advised someone would be calling in to get information on the process for creating a private cemetery. Ronetta advised she had already given a gentleman the statutes he requested and informed him of the process.

David Roll, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commission to participate in a conference call with David Harbour (FEMA) regarding Disaster DR-4612. Daviess County has all their preliminary paperwork completed and will upload the documents to FEMA. The next meeting will be Oct 20th at 10:00 am.

An appointment with representatives from Daviess County Nursing and Rehab will be rescheduled. Jennifer Miskimins was not able to attend due to a COVID exposure.

The Commission spoke by conference call with John Dale, Daviess County resident, regarding masks being required in the common areas and in the courtrooms. Jim Ruse stated the courthouse is still operating under Phase 0 of the MO Supreme Court’s order. Mr. Dale was not satisfied with that answer.

The Commission spoke by conference call with Elder Robert McDonald, Daviess County landowner, regarding an easement for a piece of property in Grand River Township. Elder McDonald had emailed documents to the Commission using an old email address. He was given the correct email address, and the Commission will be watching for the documents to arrive.

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

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