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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 20, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 20th day of October 2021 at 8:25 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, was absent 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. The Commission discussed a brush issue on Vista Ave and 185th St.

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 12 actives, 997 total, 1 hospitalized, and 2 new deaths making a total of 19 deaths.

Ruth Lewis, Transportation Manager & Bus Driver for North Daviess R-III school, met with the Commission to discuss CART rock road procedures and brush maintenance. Discussion was held on a few roads in Salem Township.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Zoom meeting was scheduled for Oct 21st with other municipal and county leaders across the Green Hills area. ARPA applications are available on the county website at [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) . Discussion was held regarding ARPA applications received. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented a spreadsheet showing a possible disbursement plan for 2021 and 2022. David Cox made a motion to disburse 2021 payments to PWSD #3; PWSD#2; Daviess County Multi-Purpose Center, Gallatin; and N Central MO Children’s Advocacy immediately, along with Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail as soon as DeKalb County commits to their half of that project, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, notified the Commission she had discovered an omission from the March 3, 2021, minutes. Loren Uthe was appointed by the Commission to fill an open 4-year position on the Senior Services Tax Fund board ending July 2025.

Discussion of progress on the elevator repairs began with a report from Ronetta Burton, County Clerk. Ms. Burton advised the repair company was not able to obtain a new roof for the elevator car and will have to replace the whole car. Permission to do this extensive repair has been obtained from the MO state inspector. The next problem is availability, as new elevator cars are backordered for at least 12 weeks. Temporary repairs to the existing car will try to be made next week to get the elevator back in service until final repairs can be made. Issue continued.

Jenni Pankau and Jennifer Miskimins, Daviess County Nursing & Rehab / Osby Corp, met with the Commission to discuss maintenance issues at the nursing home. Discussion was held regarding both inside and outside issues that need to be attended to before winter. The Commission reminded Ms. Miskimins, Osby Corp, that they are operating under a “Triple Net” lease so that all maintenance and repairs are their responsibility. It was questioned who maintains Ash Street that runs on the East side of the nursing home. It was determined that should be the responsibility of the city. The Commission will come view issues this afternoon and determine if any repairs can be made with the Young Trust funds. Their next appointment will be Nov 10th at 10:30 am.

The Commission received notification from Caldwell County that the monthly meeting of the Little Otter Creek planning committee will be Oct 22nd in Kingston, MO. Wayne Uthe will plan to attend.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, met with the Commission to advise them she is going to go ahead with a purchase of the Jaguar program to facilitate handling of checks. Mrs. Corwin will make the purchase from her discretionary Tax Maintenance Fund.

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CLOSED SESSION – 11:45 am – 12:00

Present were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, Aaron Piburn and Ronetta Burton.

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) personnel, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. The Commission decided to not make any deviation from the current adopted personnel policy.

Aaron Piburn presented his training certificate for 20 additional hours of training, bringing his total for 2021 to 50 hours.

MO DOT notified the Commission they have accepted the latest agreement between McClure Engineering and Daviess County for the Project Engineer and permitting costs for BRO 031 (38).

John Dale, Daviess County resident, called in and rescheduled his 9:30 am appointment for next week.

David Harbour, FEMA, called in to cancel his 10:00 am conference call. He will reschedule at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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