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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

December 22, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 22nd day of December 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. Minutes from December 14, 2021, were approved.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to advise them his crew has completed cleaning bridges getting ready for MO DOT inspections to begin in January. They discussed log jams and low water crossings the crew will be working on this week. They also discussed an issue on a residents’ property in Washington Township. The road crew are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as time and weather permit.

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 1,226 total, 45 active, 20 deaths, 8 hospitalized. The Health Department are still testing regularly.

Discussion was held regarding ARPA applications ready for approval. David Cox made a motion to approve the application from Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail for a scanner, and the Daviess County Sheriff Department for Premium Pay, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion approved. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the application from Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail for Premium Pay, and the application from Daviess County for Premium Pay for Custodian only (denied for Court Security), and the application from Gallatin Fire Protection District for Communication equipment, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. Three applications from the Gallatin Theater League, Inc., the Friends of Gallatin, and the Gallatin Police Department were postponed for consideration until 2022 funding. One application is waiting for additional documentation.

CLOSED SESSION 10:30 am - 11:25 am

Wayne Uthe made a motion to go into closed session at 10:30 am pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1), legal matters, David Cox seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye, David Cox – Aye.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session at 11:35 am, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye, David Cox – Aye. No decision was made.

Discussion was held regarding a banking request to transfer county funds. Request was denied.

The Commission received notice from Darryl Wilkinson that they have vacated the Publishing Company space and are terminating their lease. Discussion was held on what to do with the utilities. It was decided to transfer the City of Gallatin utilities and the Summit Natural Gas into the County’s name. Rachel Taylor, Deputy County Clerk, will call and make the appropriate transfers.

Commission left at 11:45 am to go to 215th Street in Sheridan Township to meet with Aaron Trager to look at a fence line.

The Commission returned at 1:12 pm

A petition to close a portion of Unity Avenue in Sheridan Township, beginning at the intersection of 210th Street and going East one-half mile to the intersection of 215th Street, was read for the third and final time. No remonstrance has been filed. David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2021-16 to close a portion of Unity Avenue, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye, David Cox - Aye. Motion passed.

Jim Ruse advised the Commission that Green Hills Regional Planning Relending Fund has a refund of $2,500 due to the County. Green Hills is offering two options with the money. The county can request their full refund, or the County can forgo the refund and the money will be donated to Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for a down payment on a new building. David Cox made a motion to forgo the refund and donate the money to GHRPC for their new building, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding an invitation to join the Great Northwest Days celebration at the Missouri capitol in February. David Cox made a motion to pledge $600 to the committee and participate in Great Northwest Days, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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The Commission reviewed an analysis of the 2021 health claims from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Issue continued.

Discussion was held regarding possible appointees for the Senate Bill 40 Disabilities Board. Three vacancies are up for filling by appointment. Applications from three people and a recommendation from the SB40 Director have been received. Issue continued until next week.

Larry Adams, Jr., Sheriff, met with the Commission to advise them he is cleaning at the storage building. Larry also discussed working on his 2022 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the need to appoint a 2022 County Health Director. David Cox made a motion to appoint RaCail King as the 2022 Daviess County Health Director., Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the 2022 Holiday schedule for Daviess County hourly employees. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve 14 ½ days to observe 13 holidays for 2022, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned 3:30 pm

Approved:

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