Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

February 16, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 16th day of February 2022 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 & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. James stated his crew has been working on a low water crossing in Colfax Township. The crew have been mowing in Liberty Township as weather and time 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 total cases 1621, 20 active, 7 hospitalized, and 29 deaths. **Residents who test positive with a home test are asked to call the health department and report that test result so the county numbers will be more accurate.**

The Commission will be attending a ZOOM meeting March 10th for a discussion between counties of ARPA funds distribution.

Caldwell County sent notice to the Commission of the next NW Commissioner’s meeting to be held March 10th at The Pearl in Hamilton, MO. All Commissioners will attend.

An invitation was received to attend the Annual Meeting of the Extension Council on February 28th at 7:00 pm at the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Gallatin, MO.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, shared a letter from the State Tax Commission letting Assessors and County Clerks know that used vehicle valuations have dramatically increased in the last year. This increase in valuation would normally cause the Hancock Amendment to reduce entities tax levy. The State Tax Commission in conjunction with the State Auditor’s office have determined for this year they will not be including personal property values in the rollback calculations. New legislation to address the situation is being considered.

Howe & Co Engineering sent the Commission some information on TIGER and BUILD grants that may be available.

Roger Barker, PWSD#3, met with the Commission to advise them they have had a cost increase for their water treatment project. The total project cost will now be $2,678,000. Roger inquired if there was any ARPA funds still available. The Commission stated most of 2021’s allotment is already granted, and most of 2022’s allotment is already earmarked for projects. Jim Ruse also stated the disbursement rules will change April 1, 2022, that will allow the county to use any remaining funds for county projects.

A Liberty township resident reported there are brush issues in several locations on 160th. The Commission will check and send out brush letters.

A Sheridan township resident reported there are brush issues on 185th Street in Sheridan Township. The Commission will investigate and send out letters as necessary. The Commission will be spending some time in the next few weeks to follow up on brush letters already issued to see if the work has been done. Anyone not completing their brush removal by the deadline will be subject to the county cutting it and applying the cost to their tax statement for November 2022.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented the Commission with a copy of both the Combined Ballot and the Non-Election Listing for the April 5, 2022 General Municipal Election. Both notices can be seen in the Tri-County Weekly and on the Daviess County website – [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) . In this election many people will not have anything to vote on so voters should check the Combined Ballot or call the County Clerk’s office for more information.

The Commission met at 1:00 pm with Mike Archer on Pepper Avenue in Jefferson Township to look at a road issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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