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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 9th day of March 2022 at 8:20 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 have been repairing the crew truck this week. Discussion was held regarding a bridge on Midway Ave in Union township. His crew has already made repairs to the deck and running boards.

Steve Neppl, Base One, met with the Commission to discuss a road stabilization additive that his company sells. Several counties are having good luck with causing the gravel roads to harden up and reduce the need for maintenance. The additive comes in a 275-gallon container that will treat 4” of road surface for one mile for $6,700. A contractor to apply and compact the gravel costs another $16,000-$22,000 per mile. It is possible for townships to apply themselves if they have the proper equipment which would make it much more cost effective. The Commission agreed to pass the information on to the Townships.

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 1655, including 8 active, 4 hospitalized, and 29 deaths. The health department has tests available again and are able to test residents. **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.** RaCail asked the Commission for permission to hold a Health Fair in the adjoining Publishing Co part of the building, permission granted.

There is no update for ARPA.

An update on repairs needed for the AC/Furnace situation in the old Publishing Co part of the building was received from Jay Hart, Grand River Heating. More information and estimates will follow.

The Commission received a formal invitation to attend the Missouri Main Street presentation April 18th at 1:00 pm. More information will follow.

Discussion was held regarding the final Green Hills Regional Planning appointment for 2022. David Cox made a motion to appoint Annie Gibson to the Green Hills Rural Development board, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Information was received this week that a decision had been made at the MO Department of Revenue to allow a bid process to go forward for a Motor Vehicle License office in Gallatin, MO. There are no guarantees that any bids will be accepted by DOR, however, it is a step in the right direction.

Gene Walker, Central Dispatch, met with the Commission to discuss a bill they received for after hours courthouse security. Mr. Walker asked for copies of the minutes indicating approval of the policy and a copy of the policy. Minutes and documents pertaining to the policy were released to Central Dispatch.

The Commission will attend the NW Commissioners meeting on Thursday, March 10th in Hamilton, MO.

The Commission signed and approved Progress Invoice 11 for BRO 031(38). The preliminary engineering on this bridge is nearing completion and it will soon be ready to bid.

Billie Ranger, Jefferson Township resident, left word for the Commission asking for a 30-day extension on their brush removal. The Ranger’s were also given an additional 30-day extension which will end May 22nd. Extensions granted.

Teresa Douglas left word with the Commission that their property which has brush that needs to be cleared was sold to a new owner at the end of last year. The Commission will investigate.

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LG Barens, Union Pacific Railroad, left word for the Commission regarding permission to close a portion of 290th Street in Harrison Township for bridge replacement. Wayne Uthe made a motion to give Union Pacific permission to close a portion of 290th Street from April 1st until June 1st for the replacement of the railroad bridge, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, O-No. Motion passed.

Jon Dwiggins, Howe & Company, met with the Commission to discuss progress on BRO 031(39). The Commission also discussed BR422001.0 on Lilac Avenue as a possible next replacement project. Mr. Dwiggins also discussed new guidelines for BRO funds which include those funds being divided into two “pots” – one for the traditional BRO funds and one new group of funds being added to the total available funding. Mr. Dwiggins also discussed the possibility of other funds such as county funds or ARPA funds being used as the project engineering costs to get more bridges ready for programming sooner. Issue continued.

In the afternoon the Commission viewed roads, culverts, brush and bridges in Grand River Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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