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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

March 16, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 16th day of March 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 he had taken the county backhoe and helped on a fire scene at Jamesport, MO. His crew are continuing to replace and repair bridge boards. Discussion was held regarding a bridge on Reel Ave and what repairs it might need. James will investigate.

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 2 active, 4 hospitalized, and 31 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 advised the Commission she would be sending out flyers for the upcoming Health Fair soon. She also advised the state was requiring the office to update their sign out front from a painted sign to a digital sign.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission the county has received a preliminary estimate on the heating and cooling upgrades along with air purification systems proposed for the courthouse which are eligible to be paid with ARPA funds. A bid spec will be developed from the estimate information and a public bid advertised. Issue continued.

The Commission asked the County Clerk to contact Jay Hart, Grand River Heating, and request some more information on the AC/Furnace repairs in the old Publishing Co building and request a timeline for the repairs.

Randy Railsback, MO Dist 8 Representative, met with the Commission to advise them he will be running for the new District 2 Representative seat being vacated by J Eggleston since the legislature has changed the boundaries due to the 2020 census and re-districting. Mazzy Boyd has also filed for this District 2 Rep seat. District 12 Senate seat filings include Rusty Black and J Eggleston. Randy advised MO DOT has promised $100 million for repairs to lettered state routes, and $250-$400 million for broadband expansion to the rural area. Mr. Railsback stated the legislature is working on an implementation plan so they will be ready to start broadband construction when funds become available.

Kathy May, MU Extension office, met with the Commission to clarify what information is needed to proceed with a proposal to run fiber services into the Extension office. The Commission stated they were still waiting for a proposal from Mid States.

Janie McKinsey, Recorder, met with the Commission to let them know some things she heard at conference.

BID OPENING – 10:00 am, CART rock & Pipe. Present were Tina Trosper, Trager Quarries, Julie Weiland, Weiland Hauling, and Brian Testerman, Metal Culverts, Inc. Bids were also received from Flory Quarry, Norris Quarries, and Viebrock Sales.

 All bids were opened and read aloud. Copies were given to each entity present.

Discussion was held regarding the bids received. David Cox made a motion to accept all county wide rock bids, and delivered township bids for Lincoln, Salem & Jamesport Spec from Norris Quarries, and to accept the rest of the delivered township bids from Trager Quarries, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

All four bids for FOB Quarry rock were accepted county wide for 1.25” CART rock ($11.00-$16.22), Chips ($15.15-$17.00), 2” road rock ($11.00-$12.25), and Rip Rap ($11.35-$18.22). Delivered CART rock bids were accepted from Norris Quarry for Lincoln Township ($15.64), Salem Township ($15.57) & Jamesport Special Road District ($14.35). Delivered bids were also accepted from Traeger Quarries for Benton Township ($16.15), Colfax Township ($15.45), Grand River Township ($14.10), Harrison Township ($14.85), Jackson Township ($14.50), Jefferson Township ($15.25), Liberty Township ($14.75), Marion Township ($15.25), Monroe Township ($14.60), Sheridan Township ($14.85), Union Township ($14.00),

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Washington Township ($15.85), Daviess Co Special Road District #1 ($15.00), and Lock Springs Special Road District ($14.85).

Discussion was held regarding the two pipe bids received. David Cox made a motion to accept both bids for Poly Pipe and Corrugated Metal Pipe, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Two bids were received and accepted for culvert pipe. Viebrock Sales & Service, LLC, bid various lengths of HDPE Black Poly Pipe and H-P Grey Poly Pipe. Metal Culverts, Inc., bid various lengths and gauges of Corrugated Metal Pipe.

More detailed information on all these bids can be found on the county website at [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) , then click on Announcements on the top right of the home page, then click on Bids & Contracts.

Jackie Spainhower, NCMBF new facilitator, and Stephanie Williams, NCMBF consultant, met with the Commission to introduce Jackie Spainhower. Jackie explained her job responsibilities to the Commission and advised them what she can offer to NW MO businesses. All her services are free to residents.

Jon Dwiggins, Howe & Company, met with the Commission to advise them he has submitted a railroad crossing located in Harrison Township for STIP funding through the Railroad Safety Enhancement funding program. Jon expects the railroad will pay for adding rock to the crossing to lessen the sharp grade and make it easier for trucks to cross the tracks. Issue continued.

The Commission went to lunch at noon and returned at 1:00 pm.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission she had a call from Access Done Easy, LLC to let the Commission know the new elevator car was delayed in shipping and now is expected to arrive in Kansas City on March 21st and they will try to have it installed by March 25th. This repair has been plagued by construction and shipping delays.

The Commission were invited to attend the next meeting of the Little Otter Creek Reservoir project on April 22nd in Kingston, MO. Wayne Uthe will try to attend.

The Commission will also attend the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) meeting on March 24th at Trenton, MO.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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