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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 23rd day of March 2022 at 8:25 am. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner was present. David Cox joined the meeting at 9:00 am.

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. James stated his crew are repairing and replacing boards on bridges throughout the county. Discussion was held regarding hiring a fourth crew member, spraying and mowing around the county, and dirt work that needs to be done around the courthouse. Discussion was held regarding the open crew member position. Jim Ruse will develop some discussion bullet points for next week. Issue continued until next week.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to advise them about a couple of ongoing situations.

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.** The Commission approved a request to hold a Health Walk on April 8th from noon to 1 pm around the courthouse square.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to present his assessment plan for 2022-2023. David Cox made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Assessment plan as presented, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the trade-in agreement for the backhoe. David Cox made a motion to trade in the 2003 Cat backhoe for a 2022 Cat backhoe at Murphy Caterpillar, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission spoke by phone to Ed Tomicich, Access Done Easy, LLC, to discuss the replacement process of the elevator cab and trolley. There is a delay due to missing parts for the new cab assembly.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission that the US Dept of Labor has added Long Covid to the list of Illnesses that require accommodations. The Commission will consult with their attorney before amending the personnel policy. Issue continued.

Green Hills Regional Planning (GHRP) left word for the Commission that they are working on funds to begin the engineering process for a possible new ADA compliant elevator for the courthouse. Issue continued.

An optional Census Survey was received by the Commission. They will decline to participate at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 CART allotment for the townships and road districts. David Cox made a motion to increase the CART allotment from $625 to $650 per mile, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve Order 2022-1 to have Lacey Corwin, Collector-Treasurer move $40,000 from General Revenue to the Assessment Fund as budgeted for the 3-year average, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2022-2 to have Lacey Corwin, Collector-Treasurer move $4910 from Road and Bridge Fund to the Jackson Township Road Fund as budgeted, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2022-3 to have Lacey Corwin, Collector-Treasurer move $8875 from General Revenue Fund to the Emergency Management Grant Fund as budgeted, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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CLOSED SESSION 11:00 am - 11:20 am

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 11:00 am pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) to discuss personnel matters, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

Ryan Horseman, 43rd District Judge, the full Commission, and Ronetta Burton, County Clerk were present.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session at 11:20 am, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

The Commission was notified that a new communications tower is going to be constructed on private property off Oval Avenue in Union Township.

The Commission will attend the Transportation Action Committee (TAC) meeting and the Solid Waste meeting in Trenton, MO on March 24th at 8:30 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Approved:

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