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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

April 13, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 13th day of April 2022 at 8:10 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 installed the commemorative plaque on BRO 031(34) in Benton Township this week. They have also been checking on tubes in Jackson and Harrison Townships that need repair or replacement, and a low water crossing in Harrison Township. Discussion was held on the ongoing work list of tubes and priorities.

The Commission discussed ongoing repairs at the nursing home. Jim Ruse spoke by phone to a contractor regarding a bid for repair to the kitchen floor. Issues continued.

Jim Ruse advised the Commission that Larry Adams, Jr., Sheriff, had been asked to testify at the MO Legislature regarding a bill dealing with MULES access for local law enforcement and how to prevent abuses of the system.

The Commission received an ARPA application from the Community Foundation of NW Missouri. Discussion was also held regarding a pending application from the Pattonsburg Senior Center. David Cox will work on getting the documents to finish that application.

The Commission will attend the City of Gallatin’s Missouri Mainstreet Grant presentation at 1:00 pm on Monday, April 18th at the theatre.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission she had received a phone call from FEMA representatives stating they were not able to contact the Harrison Township board or clerk regarding past due disaster documents. Ronetta stated she had given them some additional contact information.

Jim Ruse signed the last of the CART contracts for 2022.

David Cox asked the County Clerk what the arrangements are now for voting in Gallatin since the Lions Club Building has been sold to Legendary Lawn. Ronetta Burton advised the Commission she had made arrangements with owner Ryan Clark to continue having elections in the building through at least the end of 2022. Mr. Clark has been gracious enough to move his mower display on election day to accommodate voting in the newly renovated space.

Jim Ruse signed a new authorization form for MO Surplus Property to remove Sally Black and add Aaron Piburn.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission she had been able to resolve the problems with the Yellow Freight damage claim for Harrison Township. Payment is expected in the next few weeks. Issue continued.

The Commission reviewed the bid notices that are currently in the paper and on the county website. Bids are due to be opened on April 27th at 10:00 am.

A grant extension requested by Green Hills Regional Planning Commission was signed for the PWSD #2 drought project.

An application for the open library board position was received this week. Persons wishing to serve on the library board need to apply at the County Clerk’s office on or before June 14th.

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Discussion was held regarding how write-in candidates are counted for an election. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, explained that two situations determine how write-in candidates are counted. If a race for example like the School Board races on this April’s election has two open positions and at least two people files, then only “Certified Write-Ins” (persons that file with the County Clerk as a Write-In candidate) will be counted. If, on the other hand, for example like the Village Trustee races that had three open positions but had no one or only one person file, then all Write-In candidates are counted. Exceptions are frivolous entries such as “Anyone else, Santa Clause, Mickey Mouse, etc. After verification on the Friday after the election, the County Clerk certifies the election results to the entities involved. For persons whose name appears on the ballot this certification will list the number of votes each person received and will be combined with the results from any other county that has that entity within its boundaries to determine the winners. For Write-In candidates the process is different. The County Clerk only certifies each valid Write-In name. It is then up to the entity to determine if that person meets the qualifications of the open position or not, and then if they do, the entity must determine if they want to appoint that person to the open position or not. It is entirely up to the entity as to whether they choose someone off the Write-In list to “Appoint” or not.

The Commission discussed a possible past road closure/abandonment of a portion of 230th Street in Monroe Township. It was determined that no official road closure would exist because it would have landlocked some property owners, and the road is used by farmers on an ongoing basis. Jane McKinsey, Recorder, also met with the Commission to discuss her search for an easement for the same area.

In the afternoon the Commission reviewed roads, bridges, culverts, and brush.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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