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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

May 11, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 11th day of May 2022 at 8:04 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. The Road and Bridge crew put the air conditioners in the Courthouse on Tuesday. They plan to put a tube in on 160th Street in Jefferson/Liberty Township. The Commission asked James to look at a tube in Harrison township and another one in Grand River township.

Damyzeo Brooks, Globe Life / Liberty National Insurance, visited with the Commissioners. He informed the Commission what his insurance company offers. It was discovered that County employees already utilize Globe Life / Liberty National.

Judge Daren Adkins requested an outlet in the Jury Room be updated to accommodate the new air conditioner. An air conditioner from the attorney lounge was moved to the jury room to cool the room for the prisoners. It was later discovered that a different outlet was available for the new A/C so no update is needed.

Jim Ruse discussed an ARPA application from Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail. Issue continued.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, updated the Commission on a voluntary report the Census Bureau is requesting filled out. The Commission had originally decided not to complete this paperwork, but since they are sending multiple requests, it was decided to go ahead and fill out the report. David Cox will assist Ronetta Burton with the report.

The Commission discussed mowing the lawn around the old publishing building. They asked Wes Bridgeman, Custodian, to mow the lawn and Wes agreed. Details will be decided later. Issue continued.

Discussion was held and the Commission decided it was time to shut off and drain the boiler. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, will call Jay Hart, Grand River Heating, to schedule a time.

The Commission spoke by phone to Mr. Baldwin, Deep Creek Farms, a Jefferson Township landowner. They discussed his property line, where 110th Street and Moon Ave adjoin his property, and the placement of steel post hunting/trespassing markers that run next to his property. They will meet with Mr. Crocker, his neighbor, later this afternoon and get back to him.

Discussion was held about reopening the water fountains in the Courthouse. It was decided they can be reopened. The water fountain on the third-floor needs repair. James Ruse & Wayne Uthe will do the repairs needed.

Discussion was held about what to do about the east wall in the recorder’s office. They discussed a downspout on the west side of the dormer. It is a possibility it needs additional repairs/replacement since the downspout on the east side of the dormer was found to be the cause of a leak and was repaired last year.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented the Commission with an ADA Notice of Nondiscrimination policy and an Internal Grievance Procedure for consideration. Discussion was held. David Cox made a motion to accept the ADA Notice of Nondiscrimination policy, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. David Cox made a motion to also accept the Internal Grievance Procedure, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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Discussion was held regarding which bridge/bridges to choose for replacement after the already existing BRO projects BRO031(38) 112th Street, BRO031(39) 190th Street, and BRO031(40?) Lilac Avenue are completed. David Cox listed several bridges that already have had Bridge Engineering Assistance Program (BEAP) studies done on them. These bridges are usually rehabbed/repaired by the county bridge crew with the costs being returned in the form of Soft Match money, and therefor are probably not the best candidates for BRO replacement projects. The Commission spoke by phone with David Earls, MO DOT. He suggested that there will be extra points for any project being ready for construction when the new funds are allocated. Mr. Earls will send a list of all the bridges that are labeled POOR in Daviess County (there are 59 currently). The Commissioners decided that although some of the bridges on the POOR list would be considered high priority because they are closed, it might be better to choose bridges that would benefit the most residents in the County.

Sheriff Larry Adams Jr. and Sargent Jared Hogan informed the Commission that their digital fingerprint machine has completely quit working. Jared has applied for and been approved for a Highway Patrol grant to replace the $30,000 machine. The grant will pay for the instrument but will require the county to pay four payments of $6,592.00 for a 5-year maintenance agreement. These payments will be made from the Sheriff’s 03 Fund. They also require that the instrument has insurance through the County which was the policy with the old machine.

Discussion was held about purchasing another county vehicle and selling the white Tahoe. The Commission asked Ronetta Burton, Chief Budget Officer, to guide them on an amount of what the budget would allow for a vehicle. Discussion was held on what size and type of vehicle would work the best. Issue continued.

1:30 pm - The Commission met with James Crocker, Jefferson Township landowner, at 110th and Moon Ave to discuss the property lines with him.

Later in the afternoon the Commission reviewed roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Jefferson and Colfax Townships.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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