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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 5, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 5th day of October 2022 at 8:10 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, and Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner were present.

The Commission approved last week’s Commission minutes.

The Commission approved the 2022 tax sale abates.

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. The crew is continuing to mow in Benton Township. The crew replaced a few boards on a bridge on Major Ave in Union Township. The Commission discussed a bridge on 165th Street in Liberty Township. The Road and Bridge crew has completed several bids for brush removal projects, the County Clerk’s office will send invoices for those completed projects. The Commission discussed the culvert list, updated the projects that have been completed, and added locations that need new culverts. Anyone wishing the county to bid on removing their brush should contact the County Clerk’s office. A contractor has also expressed interest in bidding for brush removal.

The Daviess County Care Center’s license plates arrived. The Commission will put them on the Care Center’s new van this afternoon.

No new COVID-19 update this week.

CLOSED SESSION 8:46 a.m. - 8:56 am.

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 8:46 am, pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3), personnel purposes. Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye.

David Cox made a motion to come out of the closed session at 8:56 a.m. Wayne Uthe Second. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye

Jeannie Cunningham, Mike Keith Insurance presented the proposed new insurance rates for 2023-2024. Discussion was held and the issue was continued.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk updated the Commission on the possibility of a new grant that Daviess County qualifies for. Details of the new grant will be available when more information is released.

The Commission spoke to Ivan Schrader, County attorney, to clarify qualifications for ARPA applicants. David Cox made a motion to approve the Friends of Gallatin, Theater League, and Daviess County Audit ARPA applications, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 aye, 0 no. Motion passed. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the Pattonsburg Fire ARPA application, David Cox seconded. 3 aye, 0 no. Motion passed. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the Jamesport Fire ARPA application, Jim Ruse seconded. 2 aye, 1 refrained. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the mini-split project for the Courthouse. There will be a slight delay in installation, but the plan will move forward as planned.

The Commission completed the second reading of the petition for closing or vacating 280th street in Jamesport Township. Issue continued.

Discussion on NW Commissioners meeting is tabled until next week.

MoDot sent the approval list for Daviess County BRO projects. Daviess County was approved for bridge 4220010 on Lilac Ave over Pilot Grove Creek and bridge 4100018 on Grate Ave over Mason Creek for 2023. Bridge 5620004 on Granite Ave over Hog Creek was approved for 2024.

The Commission signed the Missouri Association of Counties designation of delegates form for MAC’s annual conference. The delegates are Jim Ruse, Aaron Piburn, and Larry Adams, Jr.

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Ronetta Burton, County Clerk updated the Commission on the liability incident that took place on I-35 in Daviess County. The incident report shows the accident is out of Daviess County’s jurisdiction. The issue is continued until further notice from the injured couple’s attorney.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk updated the Commission that there is still some last-minute paperwork needed to complete the PWSD #2 -Mo Economic Development grant to completely close it out. The County Clerk will forward the required documents once it is clear what is needed.

David Cox made a motion to give permission for the Scare on the Square to take place around the Courthouse lawn and for the Courthouse Custodian to open and maintain the bathrooms during the event, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 aye, 0 no. Motion passed.

A correction was made to when the Christmas on the Square event will be held. The event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk presented the Commission with a questionnaire from Henry County pertaining to the interest in becoming a County Form of Government. The Commission responded to the questionnaire by declaring they are not interested in changing forms of government at this time.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer presented to the Commission her certificate for training for 2022. Her training requirements are fulfilled.

The Commission spoke with Wes Bridgeman custodian, about some broken windowpanes around the windows and door on the west side entrance. Discussion was held on the leaks in the roof. The Commission requested a roofing company to inspect the leaks that were not fixed last year. Issued continued.

Larry Adams, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss the part-time security guard position. Until the County can find employees to fill the position of backup security, Larry Adams will cover for Deputy Cornett on court bailiff.

Aaron McVicker, McClure Engineering, called the Commission to touch base with the bridge list that MoDot released.

In the afternoon, the Commission worked with a Roofing company on the issues with the Courthouse roof.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Approved:

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