

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
January 4, 2023

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 at 8:10 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox 1<sup>st</sup> District, Commissioner, and Wayne Uthe, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, were present.

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew cut down some trees near the new bridge construction site last week. The crew will be working on repairing an area of the road near a culvert on 232<sup>nd</sup> Street in Grand River Township. The crew finished mowing in Salem Township and will eventually start mowing in Sheridan Township, they are waiting for the roads to dry before they get started. James updated the Commission that 112<sup>th</sup> Street leading to the BRO 38 which is under construction, is very muddy and requires a four-wheel drive vehicle to travel down it. The bridge construction crew requested some rock be put on the road so they can pour the bridge decking next week. The Commission will investigate, issue continued.

The Commission discussed putting a 3% sales tax for recreational marijuana use on the Municipal Election on April 4, 2023, ballot. Wayne Uthe made a motion to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent (3%) on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult-use marijuana sold in Daviess County, David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed. Discussion was also held about passing an ordinance for the County Clerk to collect licensing fees for any person or business facility dealing with recreational marijuana. Issue continued.

Corrine Watts, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, answered the question on how the Energy Audit Reimbursement Grant can use utilized. The Commission discussed different options to best take advantage of the Grant. Issue continued.

The Commission spoke to John Dwiggin, Howe Company, concerning how wide the landowner easements around bridge No. 1980017 BRO 031(39). It was determined the widest portion will be 120 feet.

Jay and Janet Hart, Grand River Heating and Cooling visited with the Commission to discuss the mini-split project. It was decided that the Courthouse is the priority. Grand River has ordered equipment, which is being shipped as it becomes available. Issue continued.

George Quinn, a Daviess County resident, met with the Commission to inquire about a culvert in Lock Springs Special Road District and a culvert in Harrison Township. It was determined the culvert is along property access roads and replacement is at the cost and discretion of the landowner.

Allstate Engineering met with the Commission to discuss the status of the Courthouse elevator. Several different options were discussed. Issue continued.

Greg Pitchford, Engineer, met with the Commission to update them on the new bridges that were built in Caldwell County, the engineers will be moving over the Daviess County for the 290<sup>th</sup> project around March. Issue continued.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, presented the Commission with information on a rural surface transportation grant. More research will need to be conducted. Issue continued.

The Commission discussed the original order and intent of the sales tax for the Daviess Dekalb Regional Jail.

The Commission reviewed the agreement sent by David Earls for plans to replace bridge No. 422001.01 hereby designated BRO-R03(40)] on Lilac Avenue over Pilot Grove Creek in Grand River Township. Wayne Uthe made a motion to move forward with the programming on BRO-R03(40) on street in Township, David Cox seconded. 3- Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed order 2022-11, which orders the Collector to transfer the final funds to the election equipment fund. David Cox made a motion to approve order 2022-11, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed Progressive Invoice No. 17 from McClure Engineering for bridge No. 2620015 BRO-B031(38). David made a motion to approve Progressive Invoice No. 17, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

In the afternoon the Commissioners inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Jefferson Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner	1 <sup>st</sup> District Commissioner	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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County Clerk	

