

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 30, 2023

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 30th day of August 2023 at 8:15 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox 1st District and Wayne Uthe 2nd District are present.

The Commission approved last week's minutes, brush letters, and invoices for payment.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew replaced a tube in Jefferson Township. They fixed a fence at Lake Viking that was damaged from the log jam caused by the heavy rains at the beginning of the month. The crew installed a tube in Benton Township.

The Courthouse Roof insurance steps have been finalized; the bid specifications will be sent to the paper so bidding can be accepted until September 20th.

Shonna Morrison requested the property at 609B South Main Street be sprayed for bugs. The County Clerk will call and schedule a spraying.

Present – Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. A bid of \$800.00 was accepted for the 1999 White Tahoe

9:00 a.m. – BID OPENING

County Vehicles – at 9:00 a.m. bids were opened by Jim Ruse. Two bids were received for the 1999 White Tahoe, and zero bids were received for the wheelchair-accessible van. Present at the meeting were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the bid from Clinton Brown of \$800.00 for the 1999 White Tahoe, David Cox seconded. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission spoke with several County Officials, and they are planning a Courthouse Lawn clean-up workday next week to prepare for the Chautauqua, which will be held on Friday, September 15th, and Saturday the 16th.

The Commission discussed BRO 39; they received an Appraisal Agreement, Supplemental Agreement Number 1, and Progressive Invoice Number 7. David Cox made a motion to accept the BRO 39 Appraisal Agreement and Progressive Invoice Number 7, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3- Aye, 0 – No. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept BRO 39 Supplemental Agreement Number 1, David Cox seconded. 3- Aye, 0 – No. All motions passed.

The Commission discussed BRO 40; they received Progressive Invoice Number 4. David Cox made a motion to accept BRO 40 Progressive Invoice Number 4, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3- Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission received Fiscal Year 2025 Regional Bridge Award Letters for bridges 3500012, BRO-R031001, and 3960007, BRO-R031002. David Cox made a motion to approve the process of starting these two new bridges, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3- Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

11:00 a.m. – BID OPENING

Daviess County Bridge No. 42200101 BRO-RO31(041) on Lilac Avenue over Pilot Grove Creek bids were opened at 11:00 a.m. by Shannon Howe, Howe Engineering Company. Four bids were received. Present at the meeting were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, Rachel Taylor, Shannon Howe, Gary McFee, Josh Lambeth, Josh Sattman, Troy Purdin, Shannon Jenkins, and Brett Hall. Howe Company will review the bids and double calculations. They will make a decision and let the Commission know in the next week or two. The received bids are as follows:

Bid #1 – Capital Paving and Construction \$1,348,588.05

Bid #2 – MS Contracting \$1,243,759.19

Bid # 3 – Mera Excavating, LLC \$1,252,631.09

Bid # 4 – North Central Bridge \$1,302,857.21

Buck Meier and James Baker, Sheridan Township, met with the Commission to discuss brush and tubes in Sheridan Township.

Larry Adams, Sheriff, met with the Commission to inform them he has been able to scrap several salvaged Sheriff vehicles.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk Date _____