

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
December 18, 2024

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 18th day of December 2024 at 8:00 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, and invoices for payment.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor updated the Commission on the projects they have been working on since last Wednesday. The crew finished the repairs on the 117th Street bridge in Jefferson Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Jury Room window trim is almost complete. The plaster repairs will continue on the second and first floors.

An insurance claim has been filed on the South Property roof. The adjuster approved a new roof on the shingled section and new downspouts.

The Commission will have to hire someone to do repairs around the screws on the metal roof. The Commission decided to pursue Christmas lights around the Courthouse next year.

**BRIDGES:**

Steve Hutchinson Engineering met with the Commission to catch up on future bridge projects.

The Commission met with MoDot, Howe Company, and Emery Sapp and Sons Contractors for a final inspection on BRO 39 bridge on 190th Street in Sheridan Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, received the Commission appointment letters from the Secretary of State. All newly Elected Officials will be sworn in on December 31 around 10:30 a.m.

MoDot reached out to update the Commission that the horse and buggy signs around the Jamesport area are on the schedule for replacement.

Discussion was held on the South Property electric bill.

The Commission received a letter from the Active Aging Resource Center thanking the citizens for continuing to provide levy funds which help fund over 3,000 meals for seniors.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Holiday Schedule, the Commission decided to table the issue until later in the month.

Tiffany Redel, Optivise/Washington National Insurance called the Commission to update them on what her insurance company offers in benefits and plans. No action was taken.

Linda Muller Johnson, Monroe Township landowner, met with the Commission to discuss the possibilities of getting a culvert replaced and rock on Unity Avenue. She also reported there are holes at the entrance of a bridge on Unity. The Commission will inspect these issues.

Rebecca TenHulzen, Green Hills Regional Planning, and Donald Graham, Coffey Fire Department, met with the Commission to finalize the discussion on the new fire station building grant. David Cox made a motion to approve Green Hills Regional Planning to do the procurement for the Coffey Fire Grant, Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed the County's Conflict of Interest Policy. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the updated Conflict of Interest Policy, and David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission received correspondence from Children's Mercy Hospital requesting a donation for 2024. David Cox made a motion to donate the budgeted amount of \$4,000 to Children's Mercy Hospital, and Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on 2025 Great North West Days in Jefferson City. All three Commissioners will be unable to attend this time.

In the afternoon the Commissioners inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Monroe and Sheridan Townships.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner

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1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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County Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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