

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
March 12, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 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.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor updated the Commission on the projects they have been working on since last Wednesday. The crew has been working on the Prairie Avenue bridge, repairing the damage from the semi-truck wreck.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Daviess Dekalb Regional Jail sent verbiage explaining why they are asking voters to approve a sales tax. The letter is on Daviess County's website; daviesscountymo.gov under the announcement and public notices tab.

**BRIDGES:**

Shannon Howe, Howe Company met with the Commission with updates on BRO 40 bid of construction that took place last week. Howe Company confirmed MS Contracting won the bid with a total of \$626,220.10. David Cox made a motion to accept MS Contracting's bid, and Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed. The Commission signed a notice of award. Construction is projected to begin in the summer or fall of this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk updated the Commission that she filled out paperwork to start the process to receive funds from the opioid settlement.

The Commission approved the hiring of a Courthouse Custodian.

The Commission has been looking at and researching SB190. They are considering passing an ordinance that would begin the senior real estate tax freeze. The Commission is talking to other Counties that have already implemented this credit. Concerns at this time are how the local entities will be impacted by the loss of tax levies, how much additional work will this require the Collector's office, and how much will the software system cost.

The Commission also met with several Superintendents from local schools to discuss the impact the senior freeze could have on schools. The Commission will reach out to other entities to have similar conversations with.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

_____ Presiding Commissioner	_____ 1 <sup>st</sup> District Commissioner	_____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner
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Attest:

_____ County Clerk	Date _____
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