

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission June 18, 2024

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 18th day of June 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, brush letters, and invoices for payment.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor updated the Commission on the projects they have worked on since last Wednesday. James has been on site and has been available for the construction crew for BRO 42.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Commission plans to meet on Tuesday, July 2nd instead of Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, and Friday, July 5th.

The Jury Room plaster project is going along as expected. The Commission is still waiting on a few more sidewalk bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed an opportunity to join in with other counties on an opioid settlement, Wayne Uthe made a motion for the approval of the Opioid settlement, David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, presented her certificate of training from the 2024 Election Conference. This training is only half of the hours needed for the year.

The Commission reviewed BRO 42 Progressive Invoice #1, Transport. This bridge has recently moved into the demolition phase. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice, Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Wade and Evelyn Riser, Liberty Township residents, met with the Commission to discuss Nickle Ave on the West side of DD Highway. It was discussed that this portion of Nickle Ave is an open and public road. The road is currently receiving CART funds and will continue to be maintained by the Township.

Larry Adams, Sheriff, met with the Commission to have the vehicle purchasing contract signed by Jim Ruse. He anticipates the vehicles will arrive Friday.

11:00 a.m. – READING OF PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD

Second Reading in Second Quarter of 2024 – Presiding Commissioner Jim Ruse, read the petition for vacation of the public road Outpost Avenue. In attendance were Jim Ruse Presiding Commissioner, David Cox 1st District Commissioner, Wayne Uthe 2nd District Commissioner, Rachel Taylor County Clerk, and Leslie Saddler landowner. This petition will need to be read one more time in 2024, no decisions will be made at this time.

11:30 a.m. – READING OF REMONSTRANCE FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD

Second Reading in Second Quarter of 2024- Presiding Commissioner Jim Ruse, read the petition for remonstrance of the vacation of the public road Outpost Avenue. In attendance were Jim Ruse Presiding Commissioner, David Cox 1st District Commissioner, Wayne Uthe 2nd District Commissioner, Rachel Taylor County Clerk, and Leslie Saddler landowner. This petition will need to be read one more time in 2024, no decisions will be made at this time.

The Commission met at BRO 41 for a final walk-through and the official opening of the bridge. The event was attended by; the Commission, Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, MS Contractors, Howe Co Engineers, and a presentative from MoDot.

The Commission visited every bridge that is currently on the BRO program. They inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Grand River, Marion, Benton, Jefferson, Colfax, and Sheridan Townships.

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

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner

1st District Commissioner

2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

