

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 14, 2024

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 14th day of August 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. The crew installed rails on the bridge on Prairie Avenue. James will bring in a completed culvert list next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Commission is still reviewing an ordinance for Courthouse Security and Procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trudi Burton met with the Commission to show them the approved Historical Society billboard.

David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2024 – 06 for Lacey Corwin Collector/Treasurer to purchase a CD for \$450,000 out of fund LEST. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission received an estimate to install two new cameras. The estimate is well under the bid threshold.

Discussion was held on rock tickets from Trager Limestone for Quick Ave in Jackson Township. The Commission approved the tickets to be paid.

TAX LEVY MEETING – 9:30 a.m., Undo the Voluntary Tax Levy Rollback

Present at the meeting were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. The Commission reviewed and discussed the County tax levy voluntary rollback of \$0.1283 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuations. David Cox made a motion to approve ORDER 2024 – 07 to undo the voluntary rollback due to budgeting constraints, being faced with several urgent and expensive maintenance projects to preserve the physical integrity of the Courthouse, and rising costs of health insurance. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:00 a.m., Senior Services Tax Fund

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2024 are \$ 119,657,020 for Real Estate and \$ 51,167,371 for Personal Property, and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.0500 per \$100 assessed valuation. David Cox made a motion to set the levy at the state maximum of \$0.0500 per \$100 assessed valuation, and Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:15 a.m., Daviess County

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2024 are \$ 119,657,020 for Real Estate and \$ 51,167,371 for Personal Property and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.3604 per \$100 assessed valuation. Wayne Uthe made a motion to set the levy rate at the state maximum of \$0.3604 per \$100 assessed valuation, and David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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

Third Reading in the Third 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 reading has been completed and a decision will need to be made.

11:15 a.m. – READING OF REMONSTRANCE FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD

Third Reading in the Third 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 reading has been completed and a decision will need to be made.

The Commission will further discuss the road closure petition and will notify the landowners with an official decision by mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk Date _____ **760**

