

## Minutes of the Daviess County Commission July 23, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District, is present, and David Cox, 1st District, had a personal matter and arrived late.

The Commission approved last week's minutes and invoices. The Commission approved brush letters and abates if presented.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission on the projects they have been working on since last Wednesday. The crew marked tubes for dig right. The crew also replaced boards on a bridge on Major Aven in Union Township and on a bridge on Reel Ave in Jackson Township. The crew also plans to put more rock around the new tube at the lake.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mini-split expansion project is still in the planning phase.

The Commission is still updating various County policies.

The Opioid settlement money was finally released. Once the funds are received, they will be passed along to a program working with youth for drug-free futures.

### **BRIDGES:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, updated the Commission on various issues with the mini-split system. Rachel will reach out to Grand River HVAC to come service the issues.

The Commission was invited to join a podcast on the history of Daviess County. The Commission declined, saying they are not historians or experts on the County's history.

The County has had a few insurance companies reach out to see if we are taking bids this year. The Commission would like to wait until September or October before reviewing bids.

David Brown, DeKalb County resident, stopped in to inquire how Daviess County determines the road width. The Commission explained that not every road is equal, but most are considered 30 feet.

Amanda George, Green Hills Transportation Planner and Hazard Mitigation Specialist, met with the Commission to further discuss Green Hills' plans for Hazard mitigation with all entities in Daviess County. Her plan is to get surveys on concerns entities may have and to inform them of future grant possibilities.

Brent Burke, Jefferson Trustee, met with the Commission to inquire about two closed bridges. One bridge is in Benton Township, and the other Jefferson Township. The Commission let Brent know that these bridges were closed by MoDOT and will remain closed for the foreseeable future. One has structural issues, and the other will eventually be replaced with a tube.

James Baker and Buck Meyer, Sheridan Township board members, met with the Commission with concerns about brush along the road right of ways that prevent them from maintaining a few roads. The Commission will inspect.

Larry Adams, Sheriff, met with the Commission to update on the purchasing of two new deputy vehicles. The plan is to sell the last two Durangos to the dealership and bring home the Tahoes next week. Jim Ruse signed the lien release and titles for the Durangos. Larry also stated he plans for the Sheriff's office to be completely moved out by August 2nd. The Sheriff's office plans to hold an open house on Monday, August 4th, for the community to view the new facility.

Kerri, 911 Director, met with the Commission to update them on the status of their new building. The plan is to be completely moved out by November.

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

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

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| Presiding Commissioner | 1 <sup>st</sup> District Commissioner | 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner |

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| County Clerk |            |