

## Minutes of the Daviess County Commission July 30, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, July 30, 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. 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 spread gravel around a tube on 151st Street in Benton Township and cleaned out a low water crossing in Harrison Township.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mini-split expansion project is still in the planning phase.  
The Commission is still updating various County policies.

### **BRIDGES:**

The Commission reviewed BRO 002 Progressive Invoice #11. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice, and Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Shannon Howe, Howe Co., called to update the Commission that they are putting in a change order to MoDOT to schedule repairs in two weeks on the drainage issues around BRO 39.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the need for a window unit in one of the rooms at the Squirrel Cage Jail. The County has extra 120 and 240 window units, depending on what the building can handle. Issue continued.

The Commission reviewed the County and the Senior Services 2025 Assessed Valuations and levies. The Commission will hold a public hearing to set the levy for both County and Senior Services starting at 10:00 a.m. on August 13, 2025. An ad will be placed in the paper, posted on the Commission window, and under the announcements on the County's website.

The Commission presented Commission Order 2025-5 Code of Ethics. This document will be submitted to the Missouri Ethics Commission and will be good for two years. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the new Code of Ethics for 2025, and David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Representatives with Phillips Insurance presented their benefits and what their company offers. No action at this time.

Sheriff Larry Adams Jr. spoke with the Commission to solidify the plans for the Sheriff's Office to be moved out by the end of business day on Friday, August 1st, and open house on Saturday, August 2nd.

The Commission did a review of the County budget and Profit and Loss as of July. They are keeping an eye on a couple of funds to ensure they do not go over the budgeted expenditures. As of now, there isn't any overspending, and revenue continues to be strong.

Shonna Morrison and Leslie Lin, 3C Power in Partnership, met with the Commission to receive a check for \$10,925.56 from the opioid settlement funds that the County received. 3C Power in Partnership will use the funds to further their goals of offering a fun and safe after-school environment for middle school-aged students and promote a drug-free future.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected the storage units. It was determined that the gutters are full and water is getting inside the building. David Cox said he would clean the gutters out this week.

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

Approved:

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

Attest:

_____	Date _____
County Clerk	

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