Minutes of the Daviess County Commission September 10, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, September 10, 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 worked on some maintenance around the County barn, and they sprayed weeds on the South property. They also worked on a low-water crossing on Unity.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mini-split expansion project should continue with installation this fall. The Commission is still updating various County policies.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 Progressive Invoice #8. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the invoice. David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed BRO 002 Progressive Invoice #12. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed BRO 004 Progressive Invoice #1. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

10:00 a.m. - BRIDGE BID OPENING

Bridge 4100018.1 - BRO 001 Bid. Present at the bid opening were: The Commission, Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, Lindsey Chaffin, and Ezekiel Peterson, Great River Engineering, Lexi Martinez, Louis-Company LLC, Shannon Jenkins, Mera Excavating, Abbey Sattman, MS Contracting, Chris Childress, C&C Bridge and Concrete, and Vance Purdon, North Central Bridge.

At the time of bid opening, the lowest bid was for \$772,920.00. Great River Engineering will review all bids for accurate figures and will let the Commission know which company official won the bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sherrie Haverstick, Mike Keith Insurance, called the Commission to discuss the renewal rate for next year's health insurance. No decision was made at this time.

Sheriff Larry Adams met with the Commission to update them that DDRJ has officially hired a new director.

The Commission met with a representative from Mid-States Internet to discuss costs if the County were to switch to their services.

The Commission plans to attend the NW Commission regional meeting on September 18th in Sheridan.

The Commission reviewed the 2025 actuals against the budget. They also discussed the Recorder's budget for 2026.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to inquire about getting company name badges for his employees when they are in the field. Aaron was directed to ask KAW fire they can print name badges.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Liberty, Grand River, Salem, and Washington Townships.