

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
September 17, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, September 17, 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 putting rip rap around a tube on 140<sup>th</sup> Street. The crew also plans to put rip rap on a dirt road off of Hwy 69.

**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 39 Progressive Invoice #20 and Progressive Invoice #21. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve both invoices. David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed BRO 40 Progressive Invoice #16. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed the close-out documents for BRO 39. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve and sign the documents. David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission received a bid from Eckard's for flooring replacement in an office on the first floor. The bid was for \$3,010.08. The Commission approved the bid, and Eckard's will move forward with the flooring installation.

The Commission reviewed the 2026-2028 Family Support Enforcement contract. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve and sign the contract. David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

Jim Ruse updated the Commission that he had spoken with Dick Carpenter, Harrison Township, regarding 285<sup>th</sup> Street onto Hwy M. The intersection is dangerous for slower-moving vehicles. Dick and the Amish in the area are requesting that 285<sup>th</sup> Street be built up so it's more level. The Commission had concerns about how expensive this would be and mentioned MoDot would need to be involved. Issue continued at this time.

The Commission reviewed an updated power line map from Ameren. No action required.

The Gallatin License Bureau reached out to inquire if there is an office available to rent in the Courthouse. At this time, the soonest an office might be available is in 2026, but they do not have an exact date.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, spoke to the Commission about an issue she'd had earlier in the week. A taxpayer discovered that the County had inadvertently left off a vehicle on their tax list, which resulted in interest and late fees. Lacey presented to the Commission RSMo 52.240 #3 and #4, which states no penalties or interest should be charged if the County is at fault. The taxpayer will have to submit a written request for a refund of penalties and interest. The Commission contacted the County Attorney to confirm who had the authority to make the decision to refund the fees. It was determined that the Commission had authority.

Darrell Critten presented a written letter requesting a refund for penalties and interest on his 2024 personal property taxes.

David Cox made a motion to go into an emergency closed session at 9:34 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) legal matters. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

CLOSED MEETING – Legal matters 9:34 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

David Cox made a motion to come out of the emergency closed session at 9:45 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) legal matters. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

David Cox made a motion to approve Commission order 2025-6 ordering the Collector/Treasurer to refund Darrell Critten in full the interest and penalties collected in the amount of \$278.68.

The Commission decided to add .62 of a mile to the CART road Vista Avenue in Sheridan Township. Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, will send the update to MoDOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 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