

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission January 7, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District, and Wayne Utthe, 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 that he has been working with the MoDOT bridge inspector, helping with bridge inspections. The crew replaced two tubes in Jamesport Township on Granite and 330th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grand River HVAC will continue to work on the other offices' mini-splits that need to be separated. The Commission is still updating various County policies.

Jury Room carpet installation: the Commission approved a bid from Eckard's. Installation will be scheduled after the holidays.

BRIDGES:

David Cox made a motion to approve BRO 003 Progressive Invoice #4 for \$3,007.85. Wayne Utthe seconded the motion. All in favor Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Utthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed applications for SB40 board members. David Cox made a motion to accept applications from Deborah Heldenbrand, Debra Sweatman, and Steven Schweizer for the term January 2026 until December 2028. Wayne Utthe seconded the motion. All in favor, Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Utthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Larry Adams Jr. presented the contract for a new deputy to attend the police academy on a scholarship. David Cox made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Wayne Utthe seconded the motion. All in favor, Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Utthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Larry Adams Jr. also presented the contract between the City of Gallatin and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office. David Cox made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Wayne Utthe seconded the motion. All in favor, Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Utthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission continued to review the 2026 Budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner

1st District Commissioner

2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____