

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
January 21, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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 that the crew has been working in the shop doing maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grand River HVAC will continue to work on the other offices' mini-splits that need to be separated. Judge Daren Adkins requested that his office be next on the project priority list. The Commission is still updating various County policies. Zane Avenue and 260th Street are still being researched.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 003 Project update for the 4th quarter. No action is needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission was invited to the Northwest MO Commission Meeting on March 19th in Atchison County.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING – 10:00 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the 2026 budget presented by Chief Budget Officer, Rachel Taylor. No one from the public attended. David Cox made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye, motion carried 3- 0.

The Commission approved Commission Order and Ordinance 2026 -01, requesting the County Clerk to put SB3 ballot language on the April 7, 2026, Municipal Election ballot. SB3 authorizes a property tax credit pursuant to Senate Bill 3 and RSMO 137.1055 to provide property tax relief on a citizen's primary residence. SB 3 requires the issue to be placed on the County's ballots for the Municipal Election no later than April 2026.

The Commission attended the LEPC meeting at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Date _____