

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
March 11, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, March 11, 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 cleared trees and brush at the BRO 001 bridge site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grand River HVAC will continue the work for the mini-split separation project. The Commission is still updating various County policies. 260th Street, waiting on MoDOT to finalize. Zane Avenue CART is still being researched. A new security system is still being researched. Work is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

BRIDGES:

Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve BRO 003 Progressive Invoice #5 for \$8,948.00. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the required documents for Soft Match credit for the bridge on Zane Avenue that was replaced with two culverts. A cover letter to MoDOT asking for Soft Match credit was approved. The Commission will reach out to the engineering company for the additional documents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linsey Barnere, 911 Director, introduced herself to the Commission. They spoke briefly about replacing road signs around the County.

The Commission met with Grand River HVAC to discuss the mini-split in the old 911 office. They will get started on that project and separate the min-split system in the judge's office.

Lisa Coulson, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, met with the Commission for approval of the 2026 Memorandum of Agreement and TAC and Solid Waste board appointments. The Commission decided the board appointment would continue to be Wayne Uthe. David Cox made a motion to approve and sign the 2026 Memorandum of Agreement. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sarah Ragan, Public Administrator, and Melissa Thompson, VOCA, met with the Commission to discuss the possibilities of the use of the Collector's soon to be old office.

David Holcomb, Salem Township, met with the Commission to update changes to the Salem Township board. Brent Brown will now be the Trustee, and the board appointed PJ Burnett as a member.

David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2026-3 to transfer \$61,624.03 from General Revenue Fund 01 to the Assessment Fund 04, as budgeted. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve Order 2026-4 to transfer \$12,050.00 from General Revenue Fund 01 to the Emergency Management Fund 48, as budgeted. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Lacey Corwin, Collector Treasurer, met with the Commission to update them on the progress of her new office.

Dan Minor, taxpayer, met with the Commission to discuss concerns about his real estate taxes. Research was conducted, and an agreement was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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