

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
March 4, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, March 4, 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 redecked a bridge on 280th Street in Washington Township.

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 is still being researched. A new security system is still being researched. Still waiting to hear back on the questions.

BRIDGES:

The Commission has a meeting with MoDOT's Transportation Planner, Madison Woodward, today at 1:30 in her St. Joseph office. They plan to discuss the process for applying for Soft Match.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission plans to attend the North Central Commission meeting in Rock Port on March 19, 2026.

All three Commissioners presented their 2026 training certificates. This completes their training for the year.

The Commission received Union Township's board meeting, where they accepted maintenance on all of 260th Street in Union Township. The Commission plans to add this road back into the CART program. MoDOT was contacted, and it was discovered that this road is currently in the CART program, so no further action is needed until MoDOT finalizes the transfer of the right-of-way to the County.

David Roll, EMD, met with the Commission to discuss that he is working with the new 911 Director, and they will start testing every storm siren in the County on the first Wednesday of the month. David Roll also let the Commission know that he heard back from the Emergency Management Grant, and full reimbursement for last year's expenses should be deposited soon.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, asked the Commission about ordering more light fixtures and bulbs for his office and the new Collector/Treasurer's office. The Commission let him know there are some lights and fixtures in storage. He will get a count of how many we have, so we know how many to order. This Issue is continued.

North Central Missouri Business Facilitation sent the 2026 agreement. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Tobias Steffensmeier, Josh Hawley's field representative, met with the Commission to introduce himself and discuss any issues he can assist the County with. The Commission let him know they are still concerned with the bridge on O Hwy, where the river bank is washing away, but the Corps of Engineer's are not moving on this issue. They also discussed needs and concerns with the Daviess Dekalb Regional Jail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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