

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
March 25, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, March 25, 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 replaced a tube on Prairie Avenue in Union Township. The crew also cleaned out a tube on Beacon Avenue in Salem Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grand River HVAC will be here first of April to complete the mini split unit in Judge's third-floor office.

The Commission is still updating various County policies. Tabling until hear more from the State Auditor's office.

260th Street, waiting on MoDOT to finalize. Tabling until hear from MoDOT

Zane Avenue Road maintenance is now at the township level. The County is waiting to hear what the results will be. Tabling until hear from the Township.

A new security system has been approved. Corwin Electric has been notified of the electricity requirements.

BRIDGES:

Gary McFee, Howe Engineering, met with the Commission for signatures on BRO 003 request for RW acquisition Date/Notice to proceed.

Lindsey Chaffin, Great River Engineering, called the Commission to confirm that all dead trees have been cut down.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed the CART funds and discussed increasing the dollar per mile amount allotted to the Townships. Wayne Uthe made a motion to increase the CART amount to \$775.00 per mile. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

10:00 a.m. – BID OPENING

Mowing Bids – Mowing bids were opened. Present were The Commission and Rachel Taylor, County Clerk. Two mowing bids were received from Git-ERR-Done Mowing and Brandon Jones. The bids were not clear in some areas. The Commission asked both bidders to come in next Wednesday to further explain their bids.

The Commission spoke to Minnick Supply about new light fixtures in the new Collector's office and new lights for the Assessor's office. Minnick Supply will come in next Wednesday to further explain the product list and costs.

The Commission spoke to a HunterDouglass representative for blinds in the jury room. A quote of \$3,254.00, which included a \$200 fee for installation, for blinds for all six windows was presented. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the quote and move forward with installing the blinds. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

At 11:00, the Commission went to the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab to see what building repairs are needed. The Commission will reach out to several HVAC companies for bids on replacing the heat and a/c in the kitchen.

At 1:30, the Commission met with a landowner at their property in Liberty Township. The landowner will contact the Commission after he measures the distance from the closed section of road to the open section.

The Commission reviewed the Northwest Missouri Taskforce Grant Funding Agreement. David Cox made a motion to approve the agreement. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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