

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
May 13, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, May 13, 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, court orders, and abates.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew spread gravel around a new tube on Unity and 260th Street in Monroe Township. The crew also cleaned out a low-water crossing in Monroe Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

A new security system has been installed.
The Sunshine Request is still pending further information.
Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, will continue to work with the US Treasury on the report.

BRIDGES:

At 10:00 a.m., the Commission met on site at the new BRO 002 bridge with landowners and engineers for easements. The easements were signed, and the County will get them recorded.

BRO 001 pre-construction meeting began at 11:15 a.m. Attending the meeting were the Commission, Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, Jake McBee, Jared Staggs, Ezekiel Peterson, Lindsey Chaffin, all with Great River Engineering, and Ethan Jackson, MS Contracting. Details and information about the construction processes were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MO Extension office asked the Commission to look at their doorknob.

At 12:00 p.m., the Commission attended the LEPC Meeting.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Benton, Salem, and Grand River Townships.

David Roll, Emergency Management, met with the Commission regarding the grant for new tornado sirens. The County was approved for the grant at the State level and is now waiting for the Federal level. The grant will be known as the EMPG mini-grant. The Commission signed the grant paperwork.

The County was fortunate enough to be approached by a volunteer group of high school students to clean out the flower beds. The Commission approved purchasing mulch for the project. They plan to work on the beds this afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____