

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
May 6, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, May 6, 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 mowed around Jameson bridges and hauled riprap to 260th Street in Grand River Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

A new security system has been approved. Corwin Electric installed the outlet, and the security company will be here on Thursday.

Fosters Heating and Cooling started on the Daviess County Nursing Rehab Kitchen HVAC.

BRIDGES:

The Commission signed a letter for BRO 002 stating Daviess County does not participate in the National Flood Plane Insurance Program. The Daviess County BRO-031 (002) project, involving the replacement of Bridge No. 3960007 on Forest Avenue, is currently in the design phase and is scheduled for construction in late 2025 or the beginning of 2027. Forest Avenue is expected to be closed for up to three months during construction. Additional details will be provided as the construction date approaches.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission spoke to David Roll, Emergency Manager, about the monthly tornado siren testing. All sirens located in the towns and cities are owned by the cities or towns. David confirmed the sirens can be set off remotely.

The Commission discussed a Sunshine request that was sent to the Commission and Rachel Taylor, County Clerk. Rachel Taylor explained the process of receiving sunshine requests. This request asked for an extensive amount of information and documents.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, informed the Commission that she is doing research on what needs to be done to the website to be compliant with the new ADA rules.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, informed the Commission that she is working with the US Treasury on some grant reporting.

The Commission discussed what kind of office equipment is listed on the County's property insurance.

The Commission received correspondence from Howe Engineering Company concerning the tube project on Zane Avenue. Howe Co. is unable to proceed with soft match requirements.

The Commission reviewed a brush removal invoice, which was determined to be an error, and the County does not need to pay the invoice.

Sarah Ragan, Public Administrator, presented her 2026 certificate for training. She has completed her training for the year.

The Commission reviewed legal documents concerning the State Tax Commission and the Assessor, Aaron Piburn.

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

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

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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