

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
June 17, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, June 17, 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 cleaned out a log jam at a bridge on Beacon Ave in Washington Township and cleaned out a tube on 115th Street in Marion Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Sunshine Request is still pending further information. The Federal Report still needs to be submitted, Missouri Association of Counties has offered to help, and Rachel will forward them all history correspondence. SEMA is still considering opening the damage date range to consider a disaster.

**BRIDGES:**

The Commission reviewed BRO 003 Project Update.

The Commission spoke to Lindsey Chaffin, Great River Engineering, about the low water crossing on Bean Ave, which is needed to start construction on BRO 001. Lindsey doesn't think MoDOT will approve these additional expenses. David Cox made a motion to approve the contractor to build a temporary low water crossing; funds will come out of the County Road and Bridge fund. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the Migill bridge on O Hwy and the issues with the river changing and the recent flooding.

The Commission received a grant application from Solid Waste to put a dumpster in the County. The Commission is interested and will work to complete the application.

Commission plans to attend the NW Regional Commission meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Buchannon County.

Senior Tax Board Member Appointment: David Cox made a motion to approve the appointment of Cheryl Alexander for another term as a board member for the senior tax board. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission discussed no open flames in the Courthouse, such as candles. David Cox made a motion to ban open flames in the offices. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy Sims met with the Commission to discuss a couple of roads that need maintenance.

Jefferson Township board members, Brent Burke, Larry Youtsey, Amber Estep, and Lewis Youtsey, met with the Commission to discuss the two closed bridges, brush, and CART roads in Jefferson Township.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Jefferson and Colfax Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner      1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner      2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk 857

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