

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
June 24, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, June 24, 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 worked around the shop and county-owned buildings, spraying weeds and cleaning up.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Sunshine Request; the Commission and County Clerk spoke with legal counsel on how to proceed. Legal counsel advised that the sunshine request was originally fulfilled in March, and sunshine law does not cover explaining documents. The County Clerk is the custodian of records, but not the explainer of records.

The Federal Report still needs to be submitted.

The possibility of applying for damages officially opened back up from the June weather and flooding. SEMA and FEMA plan to meet with David Cox and EMD, David Roll, on Wednesday, July 1st, to do a field review of storm damage.

BRIDGES:

Madison Woodward, MoDOT Transportation Planner, sent the Commission documentation to apply for MO Local Public Agency Off-System Bridge Program. A possible avenue to apply for a new bridge on Bean Avenue that washed away in the May storms.

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 Change Order #3 to have the construction company build a temporary low-water crossing at the site of the lost bridge. Once it is built, the construction company can begin on the BRO 001 bridge. David Cox made a motion to approve the change order. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission spoke to attorney Travis Elliot regarding Chapter 100 and the steps required when individuals want to establish a private cemetery on their properties.

Sheriff Larry Adams met with the Commission to inform them that the DSSF Grant criteria have been changed, and Daviess County qualifies for it. The Sheriff’s office will apply for the grant, which will go into effect in 2027.

David Roll, EMD, met with the Commission to update on SEMA and FEMA plans. David also requested the Commission's signature on the grant paperwork for the tornado siren that will be placed behind the KAW fire station in Altamont. The Commission has already approved this grant.

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

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

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____	Date _____
County Clerk	