

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
July 22, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, July 22, 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 has been mowing brush for a landowner in Lincoln Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

No updates from SEMA or FEMA on storm damage.
Hazardous waste grant, when and where the dumpsters will be available is still pending.
Bridge 350001.6 on Bean Ave has been replaced with a temporary low-water crossing for the construction crew to cross with their equipment to build the BRO 001 bridge. The Commission are exploring possible funding to replace that bridge. The Commission reviewed an invoice for the low-water crossing from the construction company. Wayne Uthe made a motion to pay \$38,500 out of Fund 02 Road and Bridge Emergency. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 weekly progress report #4.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allison and Warren Ward, Grand River landowners, met with the Commission to discuss concerns about Data Centers. The Commission let them know there has not been any word about Data Centers coming to Daviess County. Daviess County is limited in both water and electricity sources.

The Commission reviewed correspondence from the Department of Agriculture Land Survey Program; no requirements at this time.

The Commission will make a paper order and plan to pick up in the near future.

The Commission looked at the Judges' Chamber bathroom, where there was water on the floor but no apparent leak.

Nathan King, MoDOT bridge inspector, met with the Commission to update them on the 2026 bridge inspections.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, asked the Commission to sign an agreement to buy a waiver module. The module will cost \$2,000 to install and \$200 a year. Overall, it will save the Assessor’s office costs in having customized carbon copy waivers printed, and the data will now be computerized and stored electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____ Date _____
County Clerk