

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
July 29, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, July 29, 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. The crew cleaned out a set of double tubes on Waltz Avenue in Harrison Township. The crew also replaced running rails on a bridge on Key Avenue in Grand River Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

No updates from SEMA or FEMA on storm damage.
Hazardous waste grant is still pending; the Committee will meet about it in September.
The Commission are exploring possible funding to replace bridge 350001.6.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 weekly progress report #5. The Commission reviewed BRO 001 Progressive Invoice #14 for \$9,752.14. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the invoice. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0. The Commission reviewed BRO 004 Progressive Invoice #7 for \$ 10,0188.69. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fosters Heating and Cooling is at the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab, replacing the new air conditioning units that were damaged in the storm on July 20th. The Commission agreed to pay for the replacement costs of \$13,102.00. The damage didn’t meet the Nursing home’s deductible insurance requirements.

Casey Chastain and Alan Fay, Higginbotham Insurance, met with the Commission to discuss brokering for health insurance for the County. The transition to make Higginbotham the broker will be minimal, only requiring a notice to Blue Cross Blue Shield of the change. David Cox made a motion to approve Higginbotham as the County’s health insurance broker. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the quote for jury room and circuit court 2nd-floor office blinds. They called the blind company and told them to proceed.

In the afternoon, the Commission attended a flood risk review meeting with SEMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____ Date _____
County Clerk