

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 12, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District, is present. David Cox, 1st District, is absent.

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 and looked at brush and tubes in Salem Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The storm damage was officially declared a disaster. David Cox is absent due to attending the SEMA/FEMA workshop in Milan.

The hazardous waste grant is still pending; the Committee will meet to discuss it in September.

The Commission is exploring possible funding to replace bridge 350001.6.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 weekly progress report and BRO 003 Progressive Report. The Commission reviewed BRO 004 Progressive Invoice #8 for \$1,247.08. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the invoice. Jim Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Roll, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commission to let them know there will be a LEPC meeting next Wednesday, August 19th at noon above Subway. David also let the Commission know he will be able to close out the current year and apply for next year's grant.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:00 a.m., Daviess County

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, Wayne Uthe, and Nicole Gann, Deputy Clerk. The County's assessed valuation for 2026 is \$199,608,889. Real Estate - \$ 141,225,984. Personal Property - \$ 58,382,905. The maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.3470 per \$100 assessed valuation. Wayne Uthe made a motion to set the levy rate at the state maximum of \$0.3470 per \$100 assessed valuation. Jim Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse – aye, Uthe – aye. Motion carried 2-0.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:15 a.m., Senior Services Tax Fund

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, Wayne Uthe, Nicole Gann, Deputy Clerk, and Deanna Lewis, Daviess County Senior Center. The Senior Services assessed valuation for 2026 is \$199,608,889. Real Estate - \$ 141,225,984. Personal Property - \$ 58,382,905. The maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.0481 per \$100 assessed valuation. Wayne Uthe made a motion to set the levy rate at the state maximum of \$0.0481 per \$100 assessed valuation. Jim Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse – aye, Uthe – aye. Motion carried 2-0.

Deanna Lewis, Daviess County Senior Center Director, informed the Commission that the center's last fiscal year, they financially came out almost even and didn't have to dip into extra funds. Unfortunately, Deanna expects this next year's budget will be \$20,000 less due to cutbacks. The Center appreciates the donations they receive from the Senior Board funds and appreciates all patrons that donate.

Jeremy Henderson, resident, spoke to the Commission about concerns on a bridge on Prairie Avenue and between 190th Street

Randy Sims, resident, spoke to the Commission about more CART rock on 130th Street in Jefferson Township.

Ricky Volkman and Phylis Rosales, American Legion, met with the Commission to talk about the Daviess County American Legion (VFW) post. There are 99 veterans in Gallatin and 601 in Daviess County. The Daviess County post hasn't been active for five years. To officially close the post, they need to have a final meeting. The Commission gave them Daviess County veterans to contact to help set up this final meeting.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Marion, Jamesport, and Jackson Townships.

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

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____ Date _____

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