

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 5, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District, is present. Wayne Uthe, 2nd 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 replaced boards on a bridge on 240th Street in Washington Township. The crew also filled in around a culvert on 130th Street in Benton Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The storm damage was officially declared a disaster; waiting to hear from SEMA on next steps. 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. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Jim Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission spoke to a resident in Coffey about an emergency regarding her house; they gave her some resources she can follow up with.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, provided the August 4th Primary Election unofficial results. Once the verification board meets and verifies, the election results will be published as official.

Sarah Ragan, Public Administrator, met with the Commission to discuss moving into the recently vacated Collector’s office on the second floor. Sarah also mentioned she plans to get a work-only cell phone. Sarah plans to travel a long distance with a ward later this month.

The Commission reviewed and signed the agreement with Higginbotham Insurance as the County’s health insurance broker.

The Commission had a meeting with County Attorney Travis Elliot regarding Chapter 100 procedures. Travis will try to contact the solar companies that are installing in the County.

Jake Effler, Economic Development, met with the Commission to introduce himself and inquire about the economic needs in the County.

Bill Englert, Sheridan Township landowner, met with the Commission to inquire about the process to close a road.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____	Date _____
County Clerk	