

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission September 16, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the Commission Court Room, 2nd Floor of Daviess County Courthouse, 102 N. Main St Gallatin, MO. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner
David Cox, 1st District
Wayne Uthe, 2nd District
Nicole Gann, Deputy County Clerk

APPROVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.
Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept the September 9, 2026, Commission minutes. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.
Commissioner Cox made a motion to pay all invoices. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew delivered a tube south of Unity Ave in Colfax Township. The crew also worked in the shop.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEMA Storm Disaster issue is being tabled until an update is received from SEMA or FEMA. The hazardous waste grant is still pending; the Committee will meet to discuss it in September. The Commission is exploring the possibility of applying for bridge 350001.6 on the next rounds of BRO Bridge applications. This issue will be tabled until that process moves forward.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 Progress Report #12. This bridge is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

The Commission reviewed the updated applications for the bridge replacement program through MoDOT. The Commission approved submitting the application to MoDOT.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission plans to attend the NW Regional Commission meeting in Caldwell County on September 16, 2026.

Becky Simpson, Jen Osborn, and Todd Higgins, MU Extension Office, met with the Commission to discuss upcoming events. Becky updated that every county will now have a YPA youth program. Todd Higgins updated that he is working to bring more people in for master gardeners. Jen Osborn discussed budget and rural health. Jen also spoke about a new program called the Rural Immersion Program. This program is bringing together several organizations to address rural health issues. This program will also assist formerly incarcerated individuals with mental health and re-entry into society. They also discussed that Daviess County currently has a mental health office in Attorney Mike Arnold's office building.

The Commission left to inspect the drains at the Road and Bridge barn and the Sheriff’s office.

At 11:00, the Commission attended the new tornado siren dedication. The County dedicated a new siren to the City of Altamont. It will be installed at the KAW Fire Station, and the fire department will take responsibility for sounding alarms.

With no further business before the Commission, 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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