

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission September 2, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, September 2, 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 8:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES, AND INVOICES:

Commission reviewed and approved the agenda, August 26, 2026, Commission minutes, and invoices as presented.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the August 2026 abatements as presented.

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 tubes for replacement on Major Avenue in Jamesport Township and on County Line in Lincoln Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The storm damage was officially declared a disaster. David Cox and David Roll met on Thursday, August 13th to finalize plans for the disaster. All paperwork must be submitted to SEMA by September 2nd.

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 signed BRO 001 tax-exempt Form 5060.

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 Progressive Invoice #15 for \$9,597.58 and Invoice #16 for \$216,810.00. Commissioner Uthe made a motion to approve the invoices. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the BEAP study on bridge 006002.0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Deputy Parker and Deputy Allen met with the Commission to get approval for an equipment grant from the State. Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve and sign the grant application. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Travis Elliot with law firm Ellis, Ellis, Hammons, & Johnson PC, spoke to the Commission about the solar projects and the Chapter 100 status. The Commission is working with County Attorney Travis Elliot and other County Officials to receive and review information and procedures regarding solar farms being built in the County. Travis Elliot will continue to make contact with the developer for the solar company. Missouri Association of Counties is putting together a unified memorandum for all Counties to adopt.

James Rucker, landowner in Marion Township, met with the Commission regarding an issue with his fence and the possibility of closing his road.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to go into an emergency CLOSED SESSION at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) personnel matters. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED MEETING – Personnel matters began at 10:25 a.m.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to come out of the emergency closed session at 10:36 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) personnel matters. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSED MEETING – Personnel matters ended at 10:36 a.m.

With no further business before the Commission, 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:

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County Clerk	