

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission September 9, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, September 9, 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
Rachel Taylor, County Clerk

APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES, AND INVOICES:

Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.
Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept the August 19, 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 has been hauling rip rap to various locations to fill in culverts and tubes.

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:

Commission reviewed BRO 001 progress report #11; no action is required at this time. Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve BRO 004 Progressive Invoice #8 for \$5,490.45. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed applications for the bridge replacement program through MoDOT. They called Shannon Howe, Howe Engineering, about a few changes to the applications. Shannon will make the changes and send the applications back for final review. The applications are due at the end of this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Marriot, MoDOT, gave the Commission MoDOT's five year plan for road improvements for Daviess County.

2027

Resurface MO 190 from MO 6 to MO 146 to Grundy Co.

Resurface MO 6 from Route V to Route F in Jamesport

Rehabilitate Safe & Sound bridges on MO 13, Route P, and Route K

2028

Pavement repair on I-35 from Route C at Pattonsburg to US 69

Resurface MO 6 from Route F in Jamesport to Trenton

2029

Resurface MO 13 from MO 6 to US 136 in Bethany

Bridge painting on MO 6 over I-35

- 2030
Bridge replacement on Route BB over I-35
- 2031
Resurface I-35 from US 69 in Cameron to US 69 (exit 68)

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to officially hand in his resignation as Assessor. Aaron plans for his last day to be September 11, 2026. The Commission needs to appoint an interim Assessor. Commissioner Cox made a motion to appoint Diane McLey as interim Assessor, term to begin Monday, September 14th. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, and Diane McLey spoke to the Commission about a cemetery that was sold along with a church to a private citizen. Several people have contacted the Assessor’s office concerning whether the transaction was legal and whether they will still be able to visit buried family members. Deputy Coroner and Funeral Director, Kyle Stith, was contacted. Kyle confirmed with his attorney that deeding a cemetery to a private citizen is legal. The private citizen must follow rules of maintaining a cemetery and allow family/friends to visit. If the new owner does not follow these set standards, then it will become a civil matter for civil court.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, requested the Commission sign Form 4379A. Presiding Commissioner Jim Ruse signed the form.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, presented the Commission with her County Clerk Conference training certificate for 20 hours. This completes her required training hours for the year 2026.

Trudi Burton met with the Commission to inform them she plans to move out of the state to be closer to family. Until she moves, she will continue to give Rotary jail tours. Trudi has given jail tours and maintenance for the jail for many years.

The Commission received a request for financial assistance from DDRJ. They requested \$16,250.00 from Daviess County to go toward the purchase of a used transport van from Clinton County. Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the request and write a check today. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed and approved the list of Missouri County Association Conference delegates. Which include Presiding Commissioner Jim Ruse, County Clerk Rachel Taylor, and Recorder Tiffany Tadlock.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest:

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County Clerk	