# Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
October 14, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, October 14, 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 8:15 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner
David Cox, First District Commissioner
Wayne Uthe, Second District Commissioner
Rachel Taylor, 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 October 7, 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 replaced a tube on Elmwood Avenue in Salem Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed the health insurance renewal. Commissioner Uthe made a motion for the County to pay for the insurance increases and not pass the expenses on to the employees this year. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

**BRIDGES:**

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve BRO 001 Progressive Invoice #18 for $6,506.63. Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Uthe made a motion to approve BRO 001 Progressive Invoice #19 for $543,860.00. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Diane McLey, Interim Assessor, presented the Commission with her 2026 training certificate.

The Commission reviewed and signed the State Tax Commission Assessor 3rd Quarter reimbursement packet.

Gary Davis, Sam, and Joe Richardson, Marion Township residents, met with the Commission to discuss 180th Street that runs along their property. It was determined that the road is open but abandoned. The petition to close a road process was explained.

The Commission discussed that the Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th. The Commission meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 10th.

Todd Schuler and Amanda Flanigan, State Auditors, met with the Commission to hold a final audit meeting regarding the State's procedural audit that was conducted last year. Present at the meeting were all three Commissioners, Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, Sarah Ragan, Public Administrator, Annie Gibson, Prosecuting Attorney, and Stacey Maxwell, SB 40 Executive Director. Commissioner

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Cox made a motion to enter closed session for the reason of audit discussion, State Statute

610.021(18). Commissioner Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0. The Commission entered closed session at 10:10 a.m. At 11:40 a.m., the Commission exited the closed meeting to resume open session.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Monroe Township.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved:

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| Presiding Commissioner | 1st District Commissioner | 2nd District Commissioner |

Attest:

_____ Date _____

County Clerk

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