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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

July 14, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 14th day of July 2021 at 8:05 a.m. Jim Ruse Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, was present. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, joined the meeting at 8:40 am.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing work.

His crew is ready to haul rip rap in Marion Township repairing a bridge approach and will be continuing with this project for the next few weeks – weather permitting. They also did bridge repairs in Colfax and Sheridan Townships this week, and a tube repair in Jackson Township.

RaCail King, County Health Director, spoke by phone to the Commission to advise them of current Coronavirus cases in Daviess County. RaCail advised as of Wednesday morning the county numbers were 8 actives, 755 total, 2 hospitalized, 730 out of isolation, and 15 deaths. Daviess County’s percentage of fully vaccinated persons is 22%, Missouri’s rate is 40%, and the US rate is about 45% fully vaccinated.

The Commission continues to await funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, and guidelines for the disbursement of the funds from the US Treasury. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission she had been contacted by Caldwell County PWSD #2 that they would like information on ARPA funds when it is available.

Discussion was held regarding ongoing repairs to the interior of the courthouse on several floors. Issue continued.

Discussion was held regarding the state bicentennial time capsule and parade. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, asked permission to present a possible packet of information for the time capsule if no one is found that wants to chair this project, permission granted. Issue continued.

Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the building space which formerly housed the Gallatin Publishing Company. Some interest has been shown in renting the space. Issue continued.

The Commission received a letter from LTD Broadband interested in offering broadband services in Daviess County.

McClure Engineering sent an engineering update to the Commission on the BRO 031(38) bridge project in Colfax Township.

Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, signed the Assessor Quarterly Reimbursement Report for Apr-June 2021.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:40 am to 10:00 am – Legal issues

Wayne Uthe made a motion to go into closed session for at 9:40 am to discuss legal issues, David Cox seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

Wayne Uthe made a motion to come out of closed session at 10:00 am, David Cox seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

The Commission received notice from the MO Department of Conservation that it is time to apply for CART funds for any entity that has gravel roads in a Conservation area. The Commission will pass the information along to Marion, Union and Monroe Townships, and Jamesport Special Road District for their action.

The Commission received an informational notice from the state to advise them Daviess County should receive approximately $433,000 in additional road and bridge funds from the new gas tax set to go into effect August 28, 2021.

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The Commission received a letter from the Department of Agriculture Land Survey Program seeking participation interest from surveyors to mark corners of the United States Public Land Survey System (USPLSS).

The state will pay $300 for each corner permanently marked. Any surveyor interested in participating in this program should contact the County Clerk’s office at 660-663-3300, ext 401.

The County Clerk advised the new Business Card ad in the Tri-County Weekly has started with the first ad featuring the new phone extensions in the courthouse when you call the main number 660-663-3300. This new courthouse ad will appear every third Thursday of the month in the Business Card Directory of the paper. The County Clerk’s new extension is 4 instead of 5. The MO University Extension office can now be reached at 5. The Sheriff’s office can now be reached at 9, and Courthouse Security can be reached by pressing 0.

Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, met with the Commission to advise them she had sold another lake lot that had been on the delinquent tax list. It will now be placed back on the active tax list.

In the afternoon, the Commission looked at roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Benton, Jefferson, and Marion Townships.

The meeting was adjourned 12:00 p.m.

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