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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

July 21, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 21st 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, was absent.

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

His crew has been mowing in Marion Township this week. They also are making bridge repairs in Grand River and Jackson Townships this week, and a tube repair in Lincoln 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 7 actives, 763 total, 2 hospitalized, 740 out of isolation, and 16 deaths. A Region H COVID-19 Advisory was issued as of July 20th that recommends anyone that can to get fully vaccinated, also unvaccinated individuals should wear a mask while visiting indoor public places, in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities where you come in close contact with others. **Both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents should exercise caution.** Stay home if you are sick, and seek testing if you develop any symptoms, including mild symptoms like a cold or allergies.

The Commission received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act this week and are developing guidelines for the disbursement of the funds with the guidance of the US Treasury. The public will be notified as soon as applications are available.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:05 am to 9:30 am – Legal issues

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 9:05 am pursuant to RSM0 610.021 (1) to discuss legal issues, Jim Ruse seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye. Motion passed.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session at 9:30 am, Jim Ruse seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye. Motion passed.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss reimbursement paperwork for a couple DWI Enforcement campaigns in July and August. Commission approved.

The Commission granted permission to Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, to prepare documents to be sent to the state to be included in a time capsule in recognition of the Missouri Bicentennial.

An unidentified resident notified the Commission of a road issue in Jefferson Township on 140th Street. The information will be forwarded to the Township board.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission that MO DOT is in the process of reevaluating all roads in Daviess for purposes of setting CART rock reimbursement rates going forward. Considerable man hours will have to be devoted to converting the old maps to the maps, verifying the road mileages, and certifying the information back to MO DOT. Help from the Townships and Road Districts will be needed.

The Commission received notice from the Department of Conservation that the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) will be delayed this year due to litigation.

The Commission received notice from Missouri Public Risk that a sign will need to be posted at the courthouse door regarding COVID-19 liability if a pending law is signed by the Governor in the next few weeks.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, discussed a problem with the Commission of some Elected Officials turning in invoices to be paid late and without the required account numbers.

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An application for unemployment was received and discussed by the Commission. A decision was made to deny the application and wait to hear from the Unemployment office as to how they were going to act on the request. Issue continued.

CLOSED SESSION – 10:15 am to 10:35 am – Legal issues

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 10:15 am pursuant to RSM0 610.021 (1) to discuss legal issues, Jim Ruse seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye. Motion passed.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session at 10:35 am, Jim Ruse seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye. Motion passed.

The Tax Levy Hearing date was set for Daviess County by the Commission for August 18, 2021, at 10:15 am in the Commission Room. The Senior Services Tax Fund will have their levy hearing immediately preceding at 10:00 am.

Discussion was held regarding some maintenance issues at Daviess County Nursing and Rehab. Repairs are needed for the lawn mower. They also would like to rent out the north part of the property for hay instead of trying to mow it all. Kitchen equipment that needed upgrading was discussed. Drain issues were also discussed. The Commission will plan to meet with manager, Jennifer Pankau, and owner, Jennifer Osby, in the next few weeks.

In the afternoon, the Commission looked at roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Lincoln and Union Townships.

The meeting was adjourned 2:30 p.m.

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