Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

September 08, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 8th day of September 2021 at 8:17 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, was present. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, was absent.

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

His crew will be replacing a tube on Midway Ave in Jefferson Township. They have some small jobs in Jamesport Township. James and his crew were advised to look at bridges on 185th and 190th in Sheridan 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 there were 27 actives, 923 total, 3 hospitalized, and 17 deaths. RaCail stated booster shots are still available for high-risk residents and/or any residents that have been fully vaccinated for 8 months or longer.

Lance Rains, City Administrator talked to the Commission via phone, he informed the Commission that they are replacing a meter behind the old Newspaper office, but before they can do this, the area needs to be cleaned of limbs and brush. The Commission advised him the Road and Bridge crew will take care of it.

David Roll, EMA talked to the Commission via phone, he informed the Commission that declaration of disaster was approved for Daviess County, but The State of Missouri is appealing the two days of the start of the disaster. When David knows more of this decision, he will let the Commission know. David also advised the EMA grant for 2021-2022 has been approved and is open and ready to go.

The Commission discussed their inventory list. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the inventory list, Jim Ruse seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye. Wayne Uthe – Aye. Motion passed.

Howard Danzig, HIC Agency, talked to the Commission via phone about a new health insurance opportunity. The Commission advised they were not sure yet how they were going this year, but they were not interested in his opportunity at this time.

Albert Nopeers, Family Heritage Ins, visited with the Commission about a new health insurance opportunity that would be for individual employees and not run through the County. The Commission advised they were not interested in adding this opportunity this year, but Albert should reach out again next year in the fall.

Connie Plemons, Constitution Party, spoke to the Commission via phone, and asked for permission to set up a table to pass out flyers on the courthouse lawn on Friday September 17th. The Commission didn’t have any issue with her setting up, however, she would need to talk to the Gallatin Downtown Improvement Committee who oversees Chautauqua festivities.

Jim Ruse updated the Commission about a conversation he had with Mike Arnold about repairing the trailer where the American Flags that are used around the square and on at the Courthouse are kept.

Jim Baker, Sheridan Township, spoke with the Commission via phone and requested an update on the overgrown brush situation on a section of Waltz Ave in Sheridan Township. Wayne updated Jim Baker that the owner has hired a dozer to clean it up.

Thomas Riggs, field representative for Sam Graves' Office, introduced himself to the Commission. He let them know he is available if they have any questions. He also advised them there should be some more guidance on how to disburse ARPA funds. They discussed broadband in rural areas, disrepair of smaller blacktop roads and BRO funds.

Jon Dwiggins, Howe & Company, spoke to the Commission via phone wanting to touch base to make sure everyone is still on board for proceeding on Bridge BRO 031(39) on 190th Street in Sheridan Township.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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