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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

September 22, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 22nd day of September 2021 at 8:15 am. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, and Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, were present.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing work. His crew will be repairing decking on a bridge on Grate Ave in Grand River Township. Discussion was held regarding his crew’s completion of repairs of the 2019 storm damage to the Maloney bridge in Benton Township. James reported they had completed the clean-up at the storage lot also. The road and bridge crew will be taking over the mowing operation at least one day a week until they are able to hire an additional crew member.

Zack Morrison, PWSD #2, met with the Commission to drop off additional paperwork for their ARPA application.

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 13 actives, 967 total, 2 hospitalized, and 17 deaths. RaCail stated 29% of Daviess County is now fully vaccinated, well below the MO rate of 47% and the United States rate of 55%. RaCail also asked the Commission about permission to have someone repaint the stripes on the parking spots and call the City of Gallatin regarding some washed out places on the edge of the street. Permission granted for both projects.

Discussion was held regarding the lack of updates from the US Treasury for ARPA funds. More information is to be available October 1st. Applications for all six summary categories are available on the county website at [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) and click Announcements, then Public Notices.

The Commission discussed operation and repair of the trailer that houses the flags for the county.

Notice was received from FEMA that the 2021 DR-4612 Disaster has been officially declared. Initial disaster reporting meeting will be held Sept 27th.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented inventory forms to the Commission for their office and the Care Center for completion. By statute an inventory of all county property must be completed each October.

Discussion was held regarding updating the wording on the Brush letter sent to landowners. The Commission approved the new wording as presented by County Clerk, Ronetta Burton.

David Cox will be attending the Transportation Action Committee (TAC) Zoom meeting on Sept 23rd. Jim Ruse and Wayne Uthe will be attending Local Public Administrator (LPA) training also by Zoom on Sept 23rd.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission the MO Association of Counties conference will be November 21st to 23rd this year. All elected officials that are planning to attend need to get their forms in soon.

Jim Ruse left a phone message for Hailey Tollefson, LTV Broadband, regarding scheduling an appointment for a later date to meet with the Commission pursuant to a written request received.

Midwest Public Risk (MPR) notified the Commission that due to a lawsuit resolution involving language for sovereign immunity, they needed to update the wording on the 2021-2022 insurance agreement. David Cox made a motion to approve the updated agreement for 2021-2022 insurance year, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

McClure Engineering notified the Commission that MO DOT has requested an additional Section 106 permit for BRO 031 (38), and they needed to amend the engineering contract to add the additional costs. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve amendment #1 to bridge engineering contract for BRO 38, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission that due to statute changes that took effect Aug 28, 2021, next year’s General Municipal Election on April 5, 2022 will have several new dates to be aware of. The entities will need to have their open positions advertised before Dec 7, 2021 as candidates will sign up

beginning on this date and ending on Dec 28, 2021. This is several weeks earlier than in past years. Ronetta asked for the Commission’s help to remind the public and the entities of the change in dates.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission on damages to the elevator in the courthouse that occurred during an incident on Sept 20th. Estimates are being gathered but it looks like the damage total will be around $10,000. The elevator will be out of service for a couple of weeks.

Discussion was held regarding procedures for CDL training, monitoring, and testing for the Road and Bridge crew. The Commission decided current procedures are adequate for our small crew.

Benton Township notified the Commission they are ready to receive their CART rock allotment for this year. David Cox approved the release of a Notice to Proceed for them.

An offer to paint the flagpole was received by the Commission from Jim Staats. Mr. Staats painted the pole several years ago and is going to be in the area in a couple weeks. Discussion was held and it was decided to allow Mr. Staats to paint the pole again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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