Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

January 12, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 12th day of January 2022 at 8:10 am. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, was present. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, was absent due to illness.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. The Commission advised James a Jefferson Twp landowner had requested a bid for cutting his brush, James will meet with him and give him an estimate. The crew are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as time and weather permit. They are still accepting applications.

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, total cases 1337, 57 active, 6 hospitalized, and 23 deaths. The Health Department is still giving vaccinations and testing by appointment. **Residents who test positive with a home test are asked to call the health department and report that test result so the county numbers will be more accurate.**

The Commission received notice from Howe Engineering talking about the changes in the new ARPA rules that may release the county’s funds to be used for roads and bridges. They also received an invitation to join Howe management for supper during the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM) conference.

The Commission spoke by phone to Aaron McVicker, McClure Vision Engineering, regarding McClure’s CCAM dinner invitation, RSVP is due by Jan 20th. Aaron also advised them the BRO 38 bridge project is on hold waiting on the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to approve their permit. The county is hoping to go out to bid for this bridge at the end of March.

Notification was received from MO DOT that funds have been allocated for BRO 39’s engineering phase.

The Commission received a press release from the Little Otter Creek Watershed project that it is set to start construction in early 2022.

Denna Plant, Rick Wharton, Lance Rains, and Doug & Jackie Nichols with the Gallatin Theater League met with the Commission to discuss their ARPA application for a new roof, and the general ARPA funding process.

Ronald Wheeler, Jefferson Township landowner, met with the Commission to discuss the brush letter he received. A 30-day extension was granted. The Commission will meet him at 1:30 pm at his property to show him where the brush problem is. Mr. Wheeler also discussed a tube issue on 117th Street. He was advised by the Commission to speak with the township board to get that issue resolved.

The Commission received notice from the MO Association of Counties general counsel, Travis Elliott, with information regarding a legislative change, effective July 2021, that creates a new county fund called Juvenile Justice Preservation Fund. Discussion was held and a decision to forward the information to the county attorney, Ivan Schraeder, for additional comment and instructions. Issue continued next week.

Information regarding the hotel reservations for CCAM in February has been postponed. More information will be forthcoming from the association soon. Issue continued.

Discussion was held regarding fees paid to Great Northwest Days for an event at Jefferson City in early February 2022. Decision to recall that payment or have it applied to next year’s 2023 event was made as no one is available to have a Daviess County booth display this year. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, will make contact with organizers to see if that is possible.

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Location: 26442 117th St, Winston, MO

Wayne Uthe and David Cox met with Ronald Wheeler at his home to discuss his brush issue.

In the afternoon the Commission looked at roads, culverts and brush in Jefferson Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

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