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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 27, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 27th day of October 2021 at 8:20 am. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner, was present. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, was absent.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, was absent this week. The road and bridge crew will continue the mowing operation at least one day a week until they are able to hire an additional crew member. The mower has been running in Marion and Jefferson Townships. They are continuing to accept applications. The Commission discussed a brush issue on Vista Ave and 185th Street in Sheridan Twp. Craig Woodridge, Sheridan Twp landowner, left word for the Commission that he needed to report an unsafe spot on a road somewhere, Wayne Uthe will follow up to determine which township and where.

James Lewis reported they had completed mowing brush for Randy Mason, and he could now be billed.

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 11 actives, 1011 total, 0 hospitalized, and 19 deaths. The health department is now giving booster shots to eligible persons for Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

The Commission received some meeting notes and questions answered from the Zoom meeting held last week about eligible uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Ed Tomicich, Access Done Easy, LLC, spoke by phone with the Commission to advise them he was unable to make temporary repairs to the elevator to allow it to be used while the county waits on a replacement car. The replacement car will take 12 weeks to be manufactured and delivered, and the elevator will be out of service until then. Ed will call back later this week with a detailed estimate of the costs.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to advise them he had located another property that was not on the county tax roll. This property had a new house and buildings built 17 years ago and the values had never been updated. Aaron advised he has added the new construction for 2022 and going forward, however, it will be up to the Commission to order Lacey Corwin, Collector, to bill for the back taxes for years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The prior 14 years will just be lost revenue. Discussion was held. David Cox made a motion to approve Order 2021-15 for the Collector to add 2019 and 2020 back tax, and 2021 current tax to the Daviess County tax roll, Wayne Uthe seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission received an invitation by email to attend the annual meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission on November 9th at the Rock Barn in Trenton, MO. It is uncertain if anyone will be able to attend.

Gary McFee, Howe & Co Engineering, met with the Commission to check in and see if they needed anything regarding bridge projects.

Delmond Lowe, Liberty Township resident, met with the Commission to discuss having a Dead-End Road sign placed at the intersection of Hwy DD and Nickel Avenue going east. The Commission advised informational signs like this are normally put up by private landowners or residents, not the county. David Cox will check with the Liberty Township board and the county Road & Bridge crew to see if they have any used ones laying around.

Wes Bridgeman met with the Commission to sign an Additional Duty Agreement with the County for cleaning the public restrooms Saturday, October 30th during the Trunk or Treat event around the square.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming County Commissioners Association annual meeting planned for February 9th through 11th, 2022. All three Commissioners plan to attend.

John Dale and friends did not attend their 9:30 am appointment. No reschedule has been made.

David Harbour, FEMA rep, called and rescheduled his appointment for November 1st at 1:00 pm. Mr. Harbour stated he would only need to speak with David Roll, EMD, and Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, to discuss documents already submitted for Disaster 4612. The Commission will not need to attend this meeting.

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At 1:00 pm the Commission met as part of the Daviess County Salary Commission pursuant to RSMo 50.333, which requires the Salary Commission to meet at least once every odd year before November 30th. In attendance were David Cox, 1st Dist Commissioner; Wayne Uthe, 2nd Dist Commissioner; Aaron Piburn, Assessor; Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer; Ronetta Burton, County Clerk; Annie Gibson, Prosecutor; Kayla Michael, Public Administrator; Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff; and Jane McKinsey, Recorder. Absent was Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, and Jason Smith, Coroner. Pam Howard, Circuit Clerk, called the meeting to order and facilitated the electing of a chairman – David Cox. Observers Pam Howard and Sandy Dustman were also in attendance. A lengthy discussion of several options was held. Kayla Michael, Public Administrator, made a motion to forgo any percentage of base pay increase the next two years, instead, opting to take advantage of RSMo 50.327 which provides a one-time increase of $2000 for each elected official, except the sheriff, who has a one-time increase of $6000. Kayla further motioned to continue the 2% COLA given in 2016, plus any COLAs given by the Commission to all employees for 2022 and 2023. The full motion was seconded by Aaron Piburn, Assessor. 9-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. The full minutes are available for viewing on the county website at [www.daviesscountymo.gov](http://www.daviesscountymo.gov) on the Financials tab.

The Commission participated in the annual health benefits signup for the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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