Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

November 3, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 3rd day of November 2021 at 8:20 am. 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 current projects. 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 will be running in Jefferson Township. They are continuing to accept applications. The crew have been repairing bridge decks in Monroe, Grand River and Jefferson townships. Issues with Lasher bridge BR 422001.9-1 in Grand River Township and 232nd Street in Washington Township were also discussed.

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 14 actives, 1021 total, 1 hospitalized, and 19 deaths. The health department is now giving booster shots to eligible persons for Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

American Rescue Plan Act funds were discussed. David Cox made a motion to approve an application from the Sandman Motel for approved expenses related to Expense Category 2.11 – Aid to Tourism, Travel & Hospitality, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion approved.

Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, signed a previously approved Scrivener’s Affidavit for Elder McDonald of Salt Lake City, UT to correct a typo on a deed conveying an easement on a bridge in Grand River Township.

Becky Simpson, Extension Office, met with the Commission to discuss samples for the new floor in the Extension Office. Discussion was held regarding where to purchase the materials, who to have lay the floor, and which product to use. David Cox made a motion to purchase commercial engineered plank flooring from Lowe’s and have a local company do the installation, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission received written notice that Gallatin Publishing Company will be vacating the building at 609 South Main St on or before December 31, 2021. A new tenant for the building will be sought at that time.

Ed Tomicich, Access Done Easy, LLC, spoke by phone with the Commission to deliver his preliminary estimate to replace the damaged elevator car at $13,500. A bid process will be started with consideration for repair of the existing elevator and/or replacement with a commercial type of elevator at considerably more cost.

Technical difficulties prevented the Commission from electronically signing the agreement with MO DOT and Howe & Co for bridge project BRO 031(39). Issue rescheduled.

The Commission approved a brush extension of 30 days for Lavern Smith in Jefferson Township.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised the Commission the last date to make reservations for Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) conference is Friday, Nov 5th.

Roger Barker, PWSD #3, met with the Commission to thank them for approving the water district’s ARPA request. He stated the board was very grateful for the county making it possible to complete the construction on the new treatment facility. Their increased capacity will not only update current operations but will also make it possible to provide water to surrounding areas in a time of crisis.

David Eads, Sheridan township resident, spoke to the Commission by phone to discuss a road issue in Sheridan township at Yale Ave & 190th St and at the 190th Street bridge. He was advised by the Commission to contact the township board to see if some spot rock could be spread on the problem areas.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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