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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

November 17, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 17th day of November 2021 at 8:20 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 current projects. The road and bridge crew are mowing in Jefferson Township and hope to be done next week so they can move to Liberty and Colfax townships. They are continuing to accept applications for a crew member. Discussion was held regarding which one of the crew would be going to training the first of December. Decision was made to send Donald Ohlberg this year and have all three attend training next year.

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 19 actives, 1049 total, 1 hospitalized, and 20 deaths. The state vaccination rate is 50.4% and Daviess County’s vaccination rate is 32.2%. The health department is now giving booster shots to eligible persons for Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. They are also immunizing eligible children.

American Rescue Plan Act funds were discussed. Jim Ruse spoke by phone to PWSD#3 regarding their application. No new guidelines are available.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to discuss new quotes for ariel 3-D photographs for the Assessor’s office. Aaron also discussed his budget and his 3-yr average allotment from general revenue. More budget discussions will take place in December. Issue continued.

Roger Barker, PWSD#2, met with the Commission to clarify discussions his office had with the County Clerk’s office. He assured the Commission that the full project funded by an ARPA grant was going forward as planned.

The Commission approved a Notice to Bid ad for the repairs and/or replacement of the damaged elevator to be placed in the Tri-County Weekly per the county’s procurement policy. Bids will be opened December 15, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Discussion was held regarding a list of repair items from Daviess County Nursing & Rehab. Several items will be sent out for estimates. Issue continued.

Jim Ruse advised the Commission that he had received a call from J. Eggleston’s office about a Washington Township landowner’s dispute on 232nd Street. An inquiry had been made regarding the procedure to start an audit of an entity. Jim Ruse will investigate the situation.

The Commission received an invitation to attend the monthly meeting for the Little Otter Creek Reservoir group to be held in Kingston, MO on November 19th at 9:00 am.

James Crocker, Jefferson Township landowner, left word for the Commission of his concern over whether a portion of Moon Ave and 110th Street was officially closed. County records indicate the road is not being maintained but has never been closed. The Commission will contact the township for more information.

Mr. Crocker also advised the Commission that there was a dangerous washout on 108th Street close to the same area. The Commission will investigate to see if the township or the county needs to do repairs.

The Commission received word that a section of 105th Street north of Vista Avenue in Colfax Township has a brush issue. The Commission will investigate and send a brush letter to the landowner.

C J Hageman notified the Commission by phone that he has completed his brush removal and is ready to be inspected. The Commission will check as soon as they can.

The Commission received the November newsletter notification from the MO Emergency Response Commission (MERC) to update them on procedural changes being discussed for the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC). All parties will be notified when a final ruling and recommendations are made.

Wayne Uthe left a 11:20 am to attend an appointment.

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Marion Cornelius, Monroe Township resident, spoke to the Commission by phone to discuss a road issue in Monroe Township. The Commission will investigate and notify the township.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented the Commission with an estimate for new electronic equipment to complete the upgrades to the computer infrastructure for the county. Costs to pay the next 5 years of service and monitoring was also included. The Commission approved the purchase. Spectral Networks, LLC, will do the installation as soon as the equipment arrives.

Discussion was held regarding progress on the wiring updates being done at the Courthouse. The clock tower lights have been replaced and the wiring corrected so they are now fully functional. Wiring improvements have been completed in the Prosecutor’s office, the Sheriff’s office, the Jury room, the Booking room, the Boiler room and are almost complete in the first-floor lobby around the Security station. Other areas will be finished soon.

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

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

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