Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

November 24, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 24th day of November 2021 at 8:10 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, was absent. 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 brush issues in the county.

The Commission spoke by phone to Aaron Trager regarding an update on the completion of work on 215th Street and Unity Avenue in Sheridan Township.

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 20 actives, 1063 total, 1 hospitalized, and 20 deaths. 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 advised the application from Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail would need to be adjusted down due to discounts from the manufacturer. The jail board is still waiting for DeKalb County to commit to their half of the requested funds. The Commission will email Ivan Schraeder, Attorney, regarding Premium Pay questions. Issue continued.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss car issues, updates to Sheriff department policies, and budget discussions. Larry also spoke about interviewing for the open jail position.

Rod Cotton, Farmer’s Electric CEO, and Troy Hermanson, Operations Manager, met with the Commission to discuss growth in Daviess County and especially at the lake for power, Mr. Cotton expressed that so far they have not seen any reliability issues, even on the coldest days last winter. Mr. Hermanson stated they had hired contractors to spray road banks in the Jameson and Gallatin areas this year, as well as their brush crews working to keep trees from growing up into transmission lines. Mr. Cotton advised their new warehouse west of Hamilton on Hwy 36 is now stocked, manned and functional which should help with response times in that area. He also let the Commission know their Area Youth Benefit fund is available to any youth in the area with help on medical bills and medical transportation. To apply you would call the business office at Chillicothe, MO.

A representative of Aflac was on hand in the courthouse Wed morning to process new applications for county employees.

Jane McKinsey, Recorder, advised the Commission the 2021 Christmas Dinner for county employees will be December 8th at noon at the Methodist Church basement meeting room. Employee cost is $10. Wayne Uthe made a motion for the county to pay for meals for Daren Adkins, Brent Elliott, Ryan Horseman and Robert Mazur, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to discuss confirming the contract for Eagleview ariel mapping services so start date can be confirmed early in 2022. Issue continued.

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

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