Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

December 8, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 8th day of December 2021 at 8:15 am. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner was present. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner, was absent.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing work. The road and bridge crew are now mowing in Liberty Township. They are continuing to accept applications for a crew member. Discussion was held regarding the tube replacement list and current priorities.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to present a contract for 3D aerial photography for the county. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the first three years of the contract to be paid from Assessor surplus funds, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Carl Carder, MO DOT Transportation Action Committee chairman, met with the Commission to advise them about funding for the next 5 years. Carl stated the county should see an increase in funds for bridges due to the additional 10% funding and the increase in gas tax. A plan needs to be in place before the funds become available. Northwest MO has the largest percentage of the worst lettered roads in the state. Daviess county has one of the highest numbers of deficient bridges in the state.

Doug Hamilton, Gallatin Fire Protection District, met with the Commission to discuss using ARPA funds to replace their radios.

Russell Placzek, Oden Enterprises, met with the Commission to see if they needed any bridge steel.

A Sheridan Township resident met with the Commission to pick up a plat book and discuss brush issues on Waltz Avenue. The Commission will send a brush letter.

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 66 actives, 1144 total, 6 hospitalized, and 20 deaths. Testing and immunizations are available by calling for an appointment.

Discussion was held regarding after hours entrance procedures for contractors doing work at the courthouse.

James Tippetts & Matthew Johnson, Grand River township landowners, met with the Commission to discuss county requirements and 911 addressing rules for private roads. The Commission will investigate with GeoCom and get back to them. Issue continued.

David Roll, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commission to advise them he would be out of the country over the Christmas holiday. Jim Ruse will be monitoring the EMA phone.

Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve BRO 38 Invoice 8, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Jim Ruse advised the Commission that it looks like Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail will not need supplement funds from each county for 2021, however, that possibility does exist for 2022. A line item or new general revenue category will need to be added to the 2022 budget.

Discussion was held regarding open positions on the Senate Bill 40 disabilities board that are open for appointment before the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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