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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

December 14, 2021

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 14th day of December 2021 at 8:15 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 this morning, but called in to advise the Commission his crew is busy cleaning bridges getting ready for MO DOT inspections to begin in January. They are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as time and weather permit.

The Daviess County health department reported as of Wednesday morning there were 43 actives, 1192 total, 9 hospitalized, and 20 deaths. Testing and immunizations are available by calling for an appointment.

ARPA funding was discussed. A new application was received this week from Gallatin Fire Protection District for Communication equipment. An application for premium pay from Daviess DeKalb Regional Jail was also discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the current verbal agreement from April 2010 the county has with the Soil and Water Conservation District to print and sell plat books. Due to some new technology in the Assessor’s office the county is looking at the option of printing the plat books “on demand” with up-to-date information sometime in the future. Issue continued.

Becky Simpson, University Extension, met with the Commission to discuss their 2022 budget request. Becky advised the Commission that a new Horticulture specialist for this area will begin work on January 3, 2022.

BID OPENING – The Commission opened bids for the repair of the elevator at 10:00 am. No one from the public attended the bid opening. One bid was received from Ed Tomicich with Access Done Easy, LLC for $13, 500. No other bids were received. David Cox made a motion to approve the bid from Access Done Easy, LLC for replacement of the elevator car, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Travis Bohannon, grader operator for Lock Springs Special Road District, left word for the Commission that there was a brush issue on Shady Lane in Jackson Township. David Cox will investigate and issue a brush letter if necessary.

Jim Ruse and Wayne Uthe will attend the Transportation Advisory Committee for MO DOT meeting at the Barton Campus in Trenton on December 15th at 8:00 am.

All three Commissioners will attend the NW Commissioners Meeting at the Sports Complex on the campus of Missouri Western in St. Joseph on December 16th at 9:00 am.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, presented the Commission with new numbers for each township from the 2020 Census. She also presented a map showing the new arrangement of townships between the 1st District Commissioner and the 2nd District Commissioner that became necessary with the new census data. Marion township will move from the 1st District to the 2nd District. No other changes are necessary. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the new district boundaries as presented, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the 2021 Central Dispatch payment. It was decided to proceed with the payment as budgeted.

The Commission received an invitation to attend the retirement gathering for Kayla Michael on December 22nd at 3:00 pm in the Courthouse lobby.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 Legal Services agreement received from Ivan Schraeder. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the agreement as presented, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

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Jon Dwiggins, Howe & Co, met with the Commission to bring Christmas gifts and present the engineering contract for BRO 031(39) on 190th Street in Sheridan Township. The project engineering portion for design services is $62,000 and the construction engineering portion for inspections and oversight is $33,000 for a total contract of $95,000. The total cost of the bridge will be approximately $700,000. David Cox made a motion to accept the engineering contract for BRO 39, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Tammy Huffman, Public Administrator applicant, met with the Commission to discuss the upcoming open position for Public Administrator that will be vacant beginning January 1, 2022 due to the retirement of Kayla Michael. The Commission discussed the duties and responsibilities of the position and the paperwork requirements. Tammy stated her work history and why she believed she would be a good candidate for the position. David Cox made a motion to appoint Tammy Huffman as Interim Public Administrator, effective January 1, 2022, pending approval of the court and final accounts from the current administrator, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. Tammy will be shadowing Kayla for the next few weeks to familiarize herself with the wards.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

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