Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

January 19, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 19th day of January 2022 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 due to illness.

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 the county numbers were, total cases 1411, 76 active, 8 hospitalized, and 23 deaths. The Health Department is still giving vaccinations and testing by appointment. **Residents who test positive with a home test are asked to call the health department and report that test result so the county numbers will be more accurate.**

No new information was discussed regarding the ARPA funds and applications.

Discussion was held regarding the reservations for the County Commissioners Association of Missouri annual meeting coming up Feb 9th – 11th in Columbia, MO. All Commissioners will attend.

The Commission discussed new information regarding the Juvenile Justice fund that has been established by the 43rd Circuit. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, will find out more information about whether a separate fund needs to be established.

The names authorized to pick up supplies from the MO State Surplus Property was discussed and updated.

Bud Wetert & Bonnie Bridgeman, Jefferson Township landowners were both given extensions for their brush clearing. Both are asking for estimates from the county.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, spoke by phone at 9:15 am with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. The Commission advised James they have two landowners that need estimates for cutting their brush. The crew are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as time and weather permit. James is also working with MO DOT doing bridge inspections as weather permits. The 2022 Budget will be gone over next week.

Stephanie Williams and Bob Hughes with North Central MO Business Facilitation met with the Commission to advise them Jackie Spainhower will be the new facilitator for this area. There was discussion of new business and expansion of existing businesses that are using their services. Stephanie also discussed Maximize NW Missouri and the Highway 6 Corridor projects. Discussion was held on the 2022 budgeting. David Cox made a motion to approve the new contract with NCMBF for $2000 for 2022, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

David Roll, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commission to discuss his 2022 budgets. David also advised the Commission he attended the MERC quarterly meeting last week and will be attending the agriculture meeting in St. Joseph on March 23rd. He will also be presenting at the next NW Commissioner’s meeting coming up in St. Joseph.

Ben Aldrich, Murphy Truck & Tractor, stopped by and left a message for the Commission. He will contact them later.

Wayne Uthe advised the Commission that A Greener Door, a Jefferson Township landowner, had asked for a 30-day extension on his brush clearing. Permission granted.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

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