Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

January 26, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 26th day of January 2022 at 8:35 am. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Wayne Uthe, 2nd District Commissioner was present. David Cox, 1st District Commissioner was absent due to illness.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. His crew are making bids for brush mowing and doing bridge inspections. The crew are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as time and weather permit. The 2022 Budget was reviewed and adjusted.

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 1504, 60 active, 2 hospitalized, and 26 deaths. RaCail advised she is about out of tests and will be trying to work with contractors such as the pharmacy to get access for people to test. **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.**

Randy Railsback, MO Rep District 8, spoke to the Commission by phone to advise them Daviess County will remain in District 2 and he will be the new District 2 representative after the redistricting. The new District 2 will consist of Worth, Harrison, Daviess, Grundy, and Caldwell counties. Each new district contains approximately 38,000 residents.

The Commission approved and signed the 4th quarter Assessor’s reimbursement from the state. No funds will be received as Daviess County has already received their allotted funds.

The Commission was advised of a Human Trafficking Symposium that will be held in Trenton on March 1st, 2022.

Discussion was held on whether the county needed to buy some COVID-19 rapid tests to be able to test employees that couldn’t get access to tests. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, will check into the cost and availability. Issue continued.

Final confirmations for registration and lodging have been received for CCAM training next week. The Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 8th because of the conflict.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 General Revenue budgets and possible employee raises. Issue continued until the Commission has a chance to speak to all of the elected officials and see their budget proposals.

Sandy Dustman, Circuit Clerk, Tammy Huffman, Interim Public Administrator, Lacey Corwin, Collector/Treasurer, and Jason Smith, Coroner, all met with the Commission to go over their proposed 2022 budgets.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to go over his 2022 budgets. Larry also presented the 2022 CLEE contract for review. Wayne Uthe made a motion to accept the 2022 CLEE training contract, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

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