Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

March 2, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 2nd day of March 2022 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 & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects. James stated he has completed the bridge inspections with MO DOT. Their deficiency reports should be available in April. His crew have been installing load limit signs. Discussion was held regarding the appraisal and possible replacement of the backhoe. An applicant for the mower tractor position was also discussed and spoke to by phone.

RaCail King, County Health Dept 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 included 13 active, 2 hospitalized, and 29 deaths. **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.**

Robert Mazur spoke with the Commission regarding a change in the masking order for the court system.

There is no update for ARPA.

Discussion was held regarding the transition to the new Interim Public Administrator. The process is almost complete according to the retiring Pub Admin, Kayla Michael. Issue continued.

Jim Ruse advised the Commission he had talked with Jay Hart, Grand River Heating, regarding ongoing repairs of the boiler at the nursing home. Osby Corp will be bidding for a new boiler.

Discussion was held regarding the agreement with Green Hills Regional Planning (GHRP) with David Cox making a motion to approve the 2022 agreement, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. Discussion was also held regarding a pesticide collection event scheduled for June 11th at the Litton Ag Center in Chillicothe, MO. Appointments were discussed with David Cox agreeing to serve on the Solid Waste Board, Wayne Uthe will be his alternate. Jim Ruse as Presiding Commissioner will serve on the Green Hills Regional Planning board. Wayne Uthe will serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). One more appointment was tabled for next week.

Larry Adams, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Commission to advise them effective March 3rd the court will be making masks optional in the courtroom. This order came from Judge Ryan Horseman. After some discussion David Cox made a motion to follow suit and, effective immediately, make masks optional in the common areas of the courthouse until further notice, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed. Elected officials will still control access and mask wearing within their individual offices.

Jim Crocker, Jefferson Township landowner, met with the Commission regarding a problem at 108th Street and Moon Avenue. A neighboring landowner had installed some fence posts within the road right-of-way and constructed a pond partially in the road. The Commission will send a letter to the landowner.

The MO Department of Revenue advised the Commission reporting dates have changed for businesses effective the end of February. This action will probably slow down sales tax receipts for the county in the next 30 days.

A notice was received from the Gallatin City Administrator that there will be a Main Street Missouri grant meeting soon. Dates and more information to follow later.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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