Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 30th day of March 2022 at 8:25 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 his crew are repairing and replacing boards on bridges throughout the county. Discussion was continued regarding hiring a fourth crew member. Decision was made not to hire anyone else at this time and distribute the work among the three existing crew members with a pay raise and some additional paperwork duties. Issue to be re-evaluated in three months.

RaCail King, County Health Director, spoke by phone to the Commission to advise them current Coronavirus cases are down in Daviess County. They will no longer be providing weekly updates for active cases, unless and until a new variant causes cases to rise again. Residents are encouraged to continue to practice CDC protocols to protect themselves from ongoing COVID-19 variants.

Discussion was held regarding whether Daviess County would go out to bid for property and liability insurance this year. A decision was made to continue with Missouri Public Risk as a direct partner, and to re-evaluate next year before March 31st.

A brush map was received from Bill Haggard, Colfax Township, with areas marked that need checked for brush issues. The Commission will investigate and send out letters.

Russell Placzek, Oden Enterprises, met with the Commission to update them on bridge steel availability and pricing.

Jim Ruse left the meeting at 9:45 am to attend the TAC meeting in Trenton, MO.

BID OPENING – 10:00 am

Present were Mitchell Ott, Double Ought Mowing, David Cox, 1st Dist Commissioner, Wayne Uthe, 2nd Dist Commissioner, and Ronetta Burton, County Clerk.

Two bids were received –

Walker Mowing $35 + $5 weed eating & blowing

Double Ought Mowing $60, including weed eating, blowing, edging, bagging of clippings and cleanup as necessary. Mr. Ott also bid $20 each for weed control & fertilizer for 3 times per year. Mr. Ott also noted the mowing price would increase $5 if gas price goes beyond $5 per gallon and would increase $10 if gas price goes beyond $6 per gallon.

Bids will be discussed next week, and a decision made. Issue continued.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, met with the Commission to advise them the ariel photographs have been taken and are now being processed and compared to existing records.

Jim Ruse returned at 11:15 am.

Jon Dwiggins, Howe & Co, met with the Commission to present the Project Engineering agreement for BRO 031(39). Discussion was held. David Cox made a motion to accept the BRO (39) PE agreement as presented, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission reviewed roads, bridges, culverts and brush in Washington, Grand River, and Jackson Townships.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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