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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 20th day of April 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 his crew were mowing brush, hauling tubes to install locations, and preparing tube sites for replacement. Discussion was held regarding the courthouse sidewalks and repair to the edging. The Commission will take on this repair.

David Cox advised he was working with Brian Teel to complete the ARPA application for the Pattonsburg Senior Center. David also advised Jamesport Fire Department was working on an application for MOSWIN radios. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised she had received an addendum to a CARES application from the Sheriff’s office for additional costs for their MOSWIN radios. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the addendum request for the Sheriff’s Office, David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed the trade-in agreement for the Backhoe.

Discussion was held regarding how dirty the county Black Tahoe is being returned after Elected Officials are driving it. It was decided to find someone to clean it once per month, otherwise cleaning before driving will be up to the Elected Official needing to drive it. If an Elected Official chooses to drive their personal vehicle no reimbursement for mileage will be made by the county.

Greg Pitchford, Allstate Engineering, met with the Commission and Jason Klemme, Allstate Engineering, joined him by phone to discuss the final plans for a bridge over Lick Fork Creek on 290th Street in Harrison Township. The bridge will replace a low water crossing and is being built by Little Otter Creek Reservoir project for mitigation credits. The $575,000-$625,000 bridge will be built at no cost to Daviess County and will be 26.5’ wide with a concrete deck. Bid opening will be May 23rd at 1:30 pm in Kingston, MO.

Lisa Coulson, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission (GHRPC), met with the Commission for the close out meeting on the PWSD#2 CDBG drought project grant. Zach Morrison, PWSD #2, was also present. Lisa stated the grant was applied for by Public Water Supply District #2 through Daviess County for a drought project and did more forward as funded. Approximately $500,000 from CDBG and another $359,000 from MO DNR has been expended.

Wayne Uthe will attend the Little Otter Creek Reservoir progress meeting on April 22nd at 9am in Kingston, MO.

GHRPC sent a request to the Commission for a list of bridges that are deficient in Daviess County. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, will send the 2021 MO DOT list to them.

The Commission approved, and Jim Ruse signed, the Assessor Quarterly report to be sent to the State Tax Commission.

CLOSED SESSION 10:35 am – 11:05 am Legal & Personnel

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 10:35 am for Personnel and Legal issues pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) (1), Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye.

Present were the full Commission, Larry Adams, Sheriff, and Ronetta Burton, County Clerk.

David Cox made a motion to go come out of closed session at 11:05 am, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – Aye, David Cox – Aye, Wayne Uthe – Aye. No decisions were made.

Discussion was held regarding a gate that is blocking a portion of 230th Street in Monroe Township. Research shows the road has never been closed and is open to the public. A letter will be sent to the landowner.

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Discussion was also held regarding a portion of Nickle Ave in Section 9 of Liberty Township. Research shows this road is also open and should have full access to the public.

David Cox advised Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, to furnish a Notice to Proceed for Lincoln Township. Their roads are ready for CART rock.

In the afternoon the Commission reviewed roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Monroe Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Approved:

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