Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

May 18, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 18th day of May 2022 at 8:27 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.

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on ongoing projects.

They have been mowing and spraying brush along county bridges and culverts. They are almost finished in Union township and will move on to Jackson township soon. James mentioned Jefferson township is half done. Liberty township is done. Next tube projects will be done on Otter Avenue.

Discussion was held on the responsibility of who maintains old 6 Hwy in Jamesport. It was determined that MO DOT gave the road to the City of Jamesport and the maintenance of the road is the cities responsibility.

Randy Railsback, MO Representative, met with the commission to give an end of legislative session report. Randy said the main focus of the Senate was to pass the redistricting map. He mentioned two bills he proposed, which were to create a task force for solid waste and a task force to deal with unused state buildings. Both were not passed. Randy informed the Commission that 100 million dollars of state money has been budgeted for MO DOT, this is on top of 7 million already in the budget for infrastructure. The house was able to pass an emergency clause to allow retired schoolteachers to substitute for 5 years without affecting their school retirement, the previous statute only allowed 2 years.

The Commissioners signed brush letters; however, they will not be mailed until Wayne Uthe can sign them since they are in his townships.

Rachel Taylor, Deputy County Clerk, gave the Commissioners an update on a Secretary of State exercise the County Clerks office participated in. They had fun doing an “election security escape room” through a zoom meeting. They scored well, placing 7th in the state and 1st in small counties, finishing the hour training and “escaping” in 43 minutes.

A window in the Recorders office needs some repair. The County Clerk is attempting to find a window company that can provide the needed parts. Issue continued.

The Commissioners looked at an audit bid from the Certified Public Accountants, McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC, for a single audit for 2021 and a county audit for 2021 & 2022. David made a motion to accept the audit bid for both audits, Jim Ruse seconded. 2-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Jim Baker, Sheridan Township board, called the Commissioners. Discussion was held on some brush issues in Sheridan Township and the process needed for adding a road to the CART mileage.

The Commissioners called Mr. Baldwin, owner of Deep Creek Farms. Mr. Baldwin had indicated he would be happy to make any adjustments that needed to be made with some posts he had placed along his property line. The Commissioners asked him to make sure the posts are all 15 feet from the center of the road. Mr. Baldwin was more than happy to oblige. The Commissioners then called Mr. Crocker of Jefferson township. They informed him of the agreement that was made with Mr. Baldwin. Mr. Crocker was satisfied. Issue resolved.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

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