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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

June 8, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met this 8th day of June 2022 at 8:00 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 that his crew installed a tube in Monroe township. The crew also repaired the potholes around a bridge in Jackson township and the Jump Road bridge in Jamesport township. James informed them they only have Grand River township and half of Jefferson Township left to spray. They are continuing to mow in Liberty Township as weather permits. A bridge inspection was done on a bridge in Benton Township, a temporary plate was placed on the approach to the bridge. The crew is regularly checking the plate to make sure it stays in place and is tight. James stated they plan to check a tube in Lincoln Township after the heavy rain.

Jim Ruse updated the Commission on an assessment of what is killing the bushes around the Courthouse. It was determined the salt used in the winter for sidewalks is unhealthy for bushes. It was also found that the new rock around the bushes is making the roots too hot, which is killing them. The plan is to remove the bushes at this time. Research will be done on what kind of plant will be right for the area.

Discussion was held on the US Census survey; David Cox had agreed to work on it and stated he will try to finish the survey. Issued continued.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk brought to the attention of the Commission that Daviess County does not have a written County Records Retention Policy, though her office has been following the state policy for the last ten years and possibly longer. It was determined the County’s Policy would be to adopt the State Retention Policy for all county offices. Ronetta will write and present the Commission a policy for discussion next week. The issue is continued.

CLOSED SESSION 8:48 a.m. – 9:11 a.m.

David Cox made a motion to go into closed session at 8:48 a.m. for personnel purposes, Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse- aye, David Cox – aye, Wayne Uthe - aye.

David Cox made a motion to come out of closed session at 9:11 a.m., Wayne Uthe seconded. Jim Ruse – aye, David Cox – aye, Wayne Uthe – aye.

The ad for Senior Service Tax Fund Board will run in the paper this week and next. There are two open positions and two open unexpired positions.

John Dwiggins, Howe & Co, called the Commission and requested to meet with the Commission next week. John stated the first round of applications for the new BRO projects will go quickly with an end date of July 22nd. John Dwiggins updated the Commission that it is possible the first round will determine the bridge projects for the next three years. John stated the program will allow Counties to apply for three bridges and must label them by priority. The Commission need to determine which three bridges they will apply for. The Commission and James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, looked over the list of eligible bridges. Issue continued.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk gave the Commission the Notice of Transportation Action Committee (TAC) meeting on June 30th at 1 pm. Wayne Uthe will attend.

The Commission approved a Notice to Proceed for Marion Township. The County Clerk’s office will send the notice to the rock quarry as soon as their financial statement if received.

The Commission asked for an update on the mini-split project. Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, advised them that Grand River Heating & Cooling is still supposed to go over the bid to make sure it is exactly what the County needs. She will contact them this week. Issue continued.

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Jim Ruse updated the Commission that he asked R.G. Curtis to haul dirt to the Courthouse, he will dump the dirt on the pad. Wes Bridgeman, Custodian, will spread the dirt around the sidewalks and anywhere else needed with the help of a community service worker.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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 Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

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