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Minutes of the Daviess County Commission

October 12, 2022

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 12th day of October 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. Discussion was held on the process of the County Road and Bridge crew cutting large trees. The crew fixed a small tube on Unity Ave in Colfax Township. The list of culverts that need improvement was discussed and prioritized.

No new Covid update this week.

The Commission approved the ARPA checks for last week’s approved applications, to be written and distributed.

Discussion was held on the NW Commissioners 4th Quarter Meeting that will take place in Daviess County on December 15, 2022.

Issues concerning the black Tahoe were brought to the attention of the Commission. An appointment was scheduled for October 14th to repair issues and to have the Tahoe serviced.

Discussion was held on accepting the proposed health insurance rates for 2022-2023. If the County accepts the rates there will be an 11.4% increase from last year. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the Mike Keith insurance rates for 2022-2023, David Cox seconded. 3 – aye, 0 no.

The Commission requested the County Clerk’s office to place an ad to inform the public of state and county election candidates, propositions, and constitutional amendments that will be on the November 8th, 2022, ballot. Voters are encouraged to learn more about all issues and candidates. Information can also be found on the Daviess County website, www.daviesscountymo.gov.

The Commissioners discussed options for the Extension Office for the upcoming year.

The 2023 Emergency Management Grant has been finalized and is ready for approval. David Cox made a motion to accept the 2023 Emergency Management Grant, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 - aye, 0 - no.

CERF election for 2023 Wayne Uthe made a motion to remain in effect the current non-contributions to CERF, David Cox second. 3 – aye, 0 – no.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk requested the Commission to approve changing the light bulbs for the hallway light fixtures. The new bulbs will be more efficient and last longer. The cost will be around $50.00 per floor. The plan is to replace one floor at a time.

David Holcomb, Salem Township Director, brought a list of brush concerns for his township. The Commission will inspect the list. Issue continued.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, presented his 2022 training certificate. The completion of this training makes him compliant with training requirements.

Discussion was held on the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab Center’s chillers. The Commission will reach out to an engineering firm to confirm what is needed to be replaced and at what costs. The goal is to complete this project by Spring 2023. Issued continued.

Peyton Roberts Roofing Company investigated the Courthouse roof issues. The company found several issues and proposed a plan to repair the issues and leaks. David Cox made a motion to hire Peyton Roberts Roofing Company to repair the Courthouse roof issues, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – aye, 0 – no.

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Lindsey, Great River Engineering, spoke to the Commission by phone, to discuss bridge 562000.4. Lindsey will send over a contract to the Commission in the next week or two. The funds for this bridge will be

available next year and the bridge has been approved to be built in 2024. Issued continued.

Bill Gonzales, True North Steel Bridge, met with the Commission to explain what his company does and what they can offer the County in regard to bridges. The company is unique in that they sell prefabricated bridges. No action is required at this time.

Larry Adams, Sheriff requested the Commission to look at some structural issues around a window in the Sheriff’s office. Issued continued.

Ronetta Burton, County Clerk, updated the Commission that a part-time fill-in security guard has been hired. He is training this week.

In the afternoon the Commissioners inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Salem Townships.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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