

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
March 8, 2023

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 at 8:20 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox 1<sup>st</sup> District and Wayne Uthe 2<sup>nd</sup> District are present.

The Commission approved last week's minutes, invoices for payment, and brush letters.

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission they replaced the tube on 140<sup>th</sup> Street in Jefferson Township. The crew plans to replace the tube on Unity Ave in Colfax Township. The crew closed a bridge on Zane Avenue in Daviess County and Pross Drive in Caldwell County. The crew plans to replace that bridge with a large tube. The replacement will take a couple of months because the tube is being specially made. The crew will investigate a complaint about brush and trees growing around a culvert on Major Avenue in Jefferson Township.

A discussion was held on the current County's pre-diem rate for employees when traveling for training and conferences. It was suggested to increase breakfast from \$10.00 to \$12.00, lunch from \$12.00 to \$15.00, and dinner from \$25.00 to \$30.00. David Cox made a motion to raise the pre-diem rate for employee meals when traveling, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye, 0 – No.

The Commission RSVP'd to the Northwest Commissioners meeting to be held in Cameron on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

David Cox called the Mt. Zion Cemetery board to let them know there is a citizen who is interested in the cemetery.

Grand River Heating and Cooling gave a final total bid for the mini-split project for the Courthouse and the Publishing building. The total bid for the Courthouse is \$129,810.00. The total bid for the Publishing building is \$23,650.00. The equipment cost is \$114,261.00, and labor and other costs are \$39,199.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor presented the Commission with his certificate of training for 2023.

The Commission provided their certificates of training for 2023.

Bill Haggard, motor grader for Colfax Township, presented the Commission with a list of residents that have brush issues. The Commission will talk to the Colfax board about the brush. Issue continued.

Shaun Crockett, Fosters Heating and Cooling, spoke with the Commission about the heating and cooling systems in the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab. Issue continued.

The Commission spoke to Jim Dove and Gary Froeschner with Midwest Engineering on the phone to discuss the engineering prospects for the heating and cooling systems in the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab. Issue continued.

Jason Klemme, Allstate Engineers, spoke to the Commission on the phone. He updated that BRO 39 on 190<sup>th</sup> Street in Sheridan Township will begin construction in May or June.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner      1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner      2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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County Clerk      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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