

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 16, 2023

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on this 16th day of August 2023 at 8:15 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order. David Cox 1st District and Wayne Uthe 2nd District are present.

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

James Lewis, Road & Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew filled in a tube on Midway Avenue in Jefferson Township. The crew cleared a log jam on Sampson Creek in Benton and Washington Townships. They also unplugged two tubes in Benton Township.

The Commission discussed cleaning and storing all unneeded window a/c units for the time being.

Sonny Calvin, Citizen met with the Commission to discuss a tube that washed out on Friday, August 4th during the storm that created flash flooding.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:00 a.m., Senior Services Tax Fund

Present were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. Deanna Lewis from the Daviess County Multi-Purpose Senior Center attended the meeting. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2023 are \$ 116,647,828 for Real Estate and \$ 49,369,005 for Personal Property, and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.0500 per \$100 assessed valuation. David Cox made a motion to set the levy at the state maximum of \$0.0500 per \$100 assessed valuation, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:15 a.m., Daviess County

Present were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, and Rachel Taylor. No one from the public attended. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2023 are \$ 116,647,828 for Real Estate and \$ 49,369,005 for Personal Property and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.2717 per \$100 assessed valuation. David Cox made a motion to set the levy rate at the state maximum of \$0.2717 per \$100 assessed valuation, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

Representatives of Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance Brokers met with the Commission to discuss what kinds of services their company offers.

The Commission reviewed BRO 42 Progressive Invoice Number 4, David Cox made the motion to pay the invoice, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission spoke on the phone to David Earls about a letter they received concerning Soft Match for future BRO projects. David Earls advised the Commission to respond to MoDot with the intent to provide cash in the event Soft Match is not enough. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve this policy, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye 0 – No. Motion passed. A letter will be drafted and sent.

The Commission received information about a grant for the collection of solid waste in Daviess County, David Cox made the motion to apply for the grant, Wayne Uthe seconded. 3 – Aye 0 – No. Motion passed.

Lindsey Chaffin, Great River Engineering spoke to the Commission over the phone about progress on the BRO her engineering company is working on and to guide the Commission in ways they can earn Soft Match for future BRO projects.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk advised the Commission of a questionnaire involving the CDBG Grant the County was involved in for the Daviess County Public Water District Number 2. Rachel will complete the questionnaire and send it in.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk Date _____

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