

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
April 9, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 8:00 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 and invoices.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission on the projects they have been working on since last Wednesday. The crew filled in ruts in the Courthouse lawn from snow removal. They dug out a ditch at the new bridge on 190th Street in Sheridan Township. They also replaced deck boards on a bridge North of Jameson in Grand River Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The SB190 ordinance is still under consideration and being researched. The Commission plans to discuss the process next Wednesday with the County Attorney.

The Commission discussed the Grant Writing bid for the Coffey Fire Community Development Block Grant. The Commission received two bids: Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and Jonsie, LLC. The Commission reviewed the two bids, as required in the process, they rated the two companies. The Commission gave Green Hills a higher rate. The Grant Writing Bid is awarded to the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. Correspondence will follow this decision, and the Commission will wait to see what the next step will be.

BRIDGES:

Lindsey Chaffin, Great River Engineering, met with the Commission to discuss the consulting engineering bid that is due today by 3 pm for BRO 001. Once all bids are in the Commission, they will need to rate each company on quality. Lindsey advised the Commission that this bridge will take \$109,000 in soft match, and the County may want to trade with another County for more soft match.

Aaron McVicker, McClure Engineering, met with the Commission to discuss BRO 002 and the progress of this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed the unofficial election results from the General Municipal Election that took place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Unofficially, the results showed over 15% voter turnout.

The Commission discussed that the Daviess Dekalb Regional Jail sales tax question on the April 2025 Municipal Election passed in Daviess but did not pass in Dekalb. This means the sales tax failed to pass. Both Daviess and Dekalb will have to continue to cover any finances that the jail will not be able to afford.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, advised the Commission that the County is due for a State Performance Audit. The process has already started, and a meeting is scheduled with the State Auditors' Office later this month. The County is also working on the financial audit. The State is paying for the County to be audited for 2024, so the County will have to pay for 2023, but both years will be audited at the same time.

In the afternoon, the Commission looked at roads, bridges, culverts, and brush in Jackson Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest:

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County Clerk	

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