

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
August 13, 2025

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, August 13, 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. The Commission approved brush letters and abates if presented.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission on the projects they have been working on since last Wednesday. The crew hauled dirt to Otter Avenue and plans to finish that project this week. The crew also hauled rip rap on a bridge on Pepper Ave in Jefferson Township and finished putting rip rap around a tube on 280th Street in Union Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mini-split expansion project is still in the planning phase.  
The Commission is still updating various County policies.

**BRIDGES:**

The Commission reviewed BRO 002 Supplemental Agreement #2. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve the agreement, and David Cox seconded the motion. 3 – Aye, 0 – No. Motion passed.

The Commission also reviewed a project update for BRO 003; no action was required.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission reviewed and finished a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation questionnaire from Green Hills. The questionnaire will be sent back to Green Hills this week.

Jason Smith, Coroner, spoke to the Commission about the plan to move into the empty office on the first floor.

Tiffany Tadlock, Recorder, met with the Commission to discuss her budget. She reviewed her 2025 budget and talked about plans for her 2026 budget.

**TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:00 a.m., Daviess County**

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, Rachel Taylor, and Deanna Lewis, Daviess County Senior Center. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2025 are \$ 137,138,909 for Real Estate and \$ 56,903,900 for Personal Property and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.3463 per \$100 assessed valuation. David Cox made a motion to set the levy rate at the state maximum of \$0.3463 per \$100 assessed valuation, and Wayne Uthe seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

**TAX LEVY HEARING – 10:15 a.m., Senior Services Tax Fund**

Present at the hearing were Jim Ruse, David Cox, Wayne Uthe, Rachel Taylor, and Deanna Lewis, Daviess County Senior Center. Rachel Taylor stated the assessed valuations for 2025 are \$ 137,138,909 for Real Estate and \$ 56,903,900 for Personal Property, and advised the maximum levy allowed by the state is \$0.3463 per \$100 assessed valuation. Wayne Uthe made a motion to set the levy at the state maximum of \$0.0480 per \$100 assessed valuation, and David Cox seconded. 3-Aye, 0-No. Motion passed.

The 2025 tax levy hearings were concluded with the 2025 levies being approved. The County Clerk's Office will submit the information to the State Auditor's Office.

Mike Bohannon, Jackson Township resident, met with the Commission to discuss maintenance for Mt. Zion Cemetery. David Cox gave him the caretaker's contact information.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Sheridan Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved:

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

Attest:

_____	Date _____
County Clerk	

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