

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
February 5, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, February 5, 2026, 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 that the crew has been working in the shop doing maintenance to the tool truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grand River HVAC will continue to work on the other offices' mini-splits that need to be separated. Judge Daren Adkins requested that his office be next on the project priority list. The Commission is still updating various County policies. Zane Avenue is still being researched. Rains Meats reached out, requesting whether they can start construction on the additional driveway off of 260th Street. The Commission was advised by Michel Marriott to write a letter accepting the easement from MoDOT.

BRIDGES:

David Cox made a motion to approve BRO 002 Progressive Invoice #17 for \$13,619.21. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Wayne Uthe made a motion to approve BRO 004 Progressive Invoice #4 for \$4,982.81. David Cox seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of putting SB3 on the ballot. They approved the ballot language in Commission Order 2026-01 on January 21, 2026, due to the bill stating that the County must put it on the ballot by the April 2026 Election. Since the bill passed, lawsuits have been filed stating that the bill is unconstitutional. If the Judge agrees that the bill is unconstitutional, then the voters will vote on a bill that is no longer legal.

The Commission discussed HB2761 and SB1586. They plan to do more research on both of these bills.

911 has mostly moved out. The Commission is going to research a new panic button system.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner 1st District Commissioner 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____