

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission  
May 20, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, May 20, 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, court orders, and abates.

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew fixed a concrete culvert on Elwood Ave in Benton Township. The crew also cleaned up a log jam and hauled rip-rap at a bridge on Ashwood Ave in Benton Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Sunshine Request is still pending further information. Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, will continue to work with the US Treasury on the report.

**BRIDGES:**

The Commission discussed that bridge 350001.6 was completely lost due to the storms over the weekend. That bridge was on a road that was a direct route to the soon-to-be construction site of BRO 001. The Commission spoke with Lindsey Chaffin, Grand River Engineering, about their options. The Commission also spoke with Mike Berry, US Senator Sam Graves field representative, about the storm damage.

The Commission reviewed and signed the Right of Way Submittal and Clearance Certification Statement for BRO 002.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

David Roll, Emergency Management, met with the Commission to discuss the storm damage around the county. At this point, Benton, Salem, Washington, Lincoln, and parts of Grand River reported damage. David Roll is working with SEMA and FEMA to see if the County sustained enough damage to receive funding. David also needs to complete a survey for the National Flood Insurance Program. Discussions were held if joining the program is something the County may want to consider.

Phil Fox, candidate for State Representative District 2, met with the Commission to introduce himself and inquire what the County feels are the most important issues he should focus on if he is elected.

Aaron Piburn, Assessor, updated the Commission on the status of the petition against the State Tax Commission.

The Commission spoke to County Attorney Travis Elliot about Chapter 100 programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_