

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 19, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, August 19, 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 put rip rap around a bridge on 240th Street in Grand River Township. The crew also removed a fallen tree off a road in Sheridan Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The storm damage was officially declared a disaster. David Cox and David Roll met on Thursday, August 13th to finalize plans for the disaster. All paperwork must be submitted to SEMA by September 2nd.

The hazardous waste grant is still pending; the Committee will meet to discuss it in September. The Commission is exploring possible funding to replace bridge 350001.6.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 progress report and change orders #3 and #4. David Cox made a motion to approve both change orders. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0. The Commission reviewed BRO 003 Progressive Invoice #9 for \$2,850.00. David Cox made a motion to approve the invoice. Wayne Uthe seconded the motion. All in favor: Ruse-aye, Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission plans to meet with USDA representatives on Thursday, August 20th at 9:00 a.m. at Magill Bridge to assess the extent of damage. The Commission is seeking assistance to repair the bridge before further damage is caused by the bank cutting into the bridge pillars.

Rachel Taylor, County Clerk, spoke with the Commission about the newly passed HB 1825. This bill changes the statute on elected officials' base salaries and how to calculate increases. There is nothing for the Commission to do other than be aware of the changes. The decisions will be up to the Salary Commission.

Amanda George, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, met with the Commission to discuss a regional transportation plan. The Commission made a list of roads, bridges, and road issues they are concerned with. The Commission will submit the list to the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission to see if they qualify for funding.

At noon, the Commission attended the LEPC quarterly meeting above Subway.

Tami Caldwell, resident, spoke to the Commission about concerns she still has regarding her property and assessed valuations. Tami Caldwell clarified the spelling of her name. The July 1st Commission minutes spelled her name incorrectly. Tami also requested that the Commission amend the July 1, 2026, Commission Minutes. The Commission minutes reflect that Tami and Tim Caldwell attended the Commission meeting and spoke directly to Assessor Aaron Piburn about their concerns. The Commission feels there is no need to amend these minutes.

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

Approved:

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Presiding Commissioner	1 st District Commissioner	2 nd District Commissioner

Attest: _____ Date _____

County Clerk 866