

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
August 26, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 8:12 a.m. Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner, called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Ruse, Presiding Commissioner
Wayne Uthe, 2nd District
Rachel Taylor, County Clerk

The Commission approved last week's minutes and invoices. The Commission approved brush letters, court orders, and abates.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, informed the Commission that the crew placed riprap around a tube on Forest Ave in Washington Township. The crew is also replacing slabs on a bridge on 242nd St in Washington Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The storm damage was officially declared a disaster by SEMA. EMD, David Roll, updated the Commission that several townships and PWSD#2 plan to apply for disaster relief funds. EMD, David Roll, also updated the Commission that the tornado siren for Altamont needs to be paid for before the grant can proceed. Once the grant is approved, the county will be reimbursed. Commissioner Uthe made a motion to write a check for the tornado siren. Commissioner Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0. A check will be issued today.

The hazardous waste grant is still pending; the Committee will meet to discuss it in September. The Commission decided to apply for bridge 350001.6 to be replaced on the next round of the MoDOT BRO replacement program. Issue will be tabled until that process begins. MoDOT contacted the Commission to say that they are ready to transfer the easement on 260th. The Commission confirmed the transfer will go directly to Union Township. No further action is required.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed BRO 001 progress report #9.

The Commission reviewed BRO 002 Certification of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate Utility Letter. Commissioner Uthe made a motion to sign the letter. Commissioner Ruse seconded the motion. All in favor; Ruse-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Extension Office wasn't able to meet.

Trui Burton wasn't able to meet.

Joel Cannon, Historical Society member, met with the Commission to discuss a grant opportunity for the rotary/squirrel cage jail. Mr. Cannon requested the Commission write a letter giving the Historical Society consent to apply for a preservation funds grant to hire a qualified professional to conduct a condition assessment of the building. The Commission agreed and will have the letter ready for next Wednesday.

In the afternoon, the Commission inspected roads, culverts, bridges, and brush in Washington, Benton, and Jefferson Townships.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner

1st District Commissioner

2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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