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Stoddard County, MO - The Stoddard County Commissioners met at their regular time on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. the Commission announced that they had four bids for a truck for the Stoddard County Emergency Management office had been received.

Courtney Ashley of Autry Morlan in Sikeston was present at the meeting. All four bids came from him and his company.

Here is a listing of the four bids:

Bid #1: 2022 Dodge Ram Tradesman Crew Cab 6.4-liter V8, 3/4-ton, four-wheel drive pickup, including delivery, side steps, four key fobs and a bumper-to-bumper warranty for \$49,682.

Bid #2: 2022 Dodge Ram Tradesman Crew Cab 6.7-liter diesel V8, 3/4-ton, four-wheel drive pickup, including delivery, side steps, four key fobs and a bumper-to-bumper warranty for \$58,565.

Bid #3: 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 6.6-liter V8, 3/4-ton, four-wheel drive pickup, including delivery, side steps, four key fobs and a bumper-to-bumper warranty for \$40,630.60.

Bid #4: 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 6.6-liter turbo diesel V8, 3/4-ton, four-wheel drive pickup, including delivery, side steps, four key fobs and a bumper-to-bumper warranty for \$50,046.50.

Ashley stated that the Chevrolet prices include a fleet discount. Dodge is not offering government pricing this year because of a backlog of orders.

EMA Director Andrew Bohnert expects around three months for the truck would be delivered.

The commissioners voted to table the discussion on which option to choose until a future meeting. They have training this week and would not be able to meet until after next Monday's meeting.

Railroad crossing on County Road 527: Associate Commissioner Carol Jarrell stated she had been in contact with Union Pacific Railroad Senior Director of Public Affairs in Missouri, Mr. Ben Jones about setting up an "open to the public style meeting" for county residents to discuss trains blocking a crossing in the county. Jarrell said Union Pacific and the county had reached an agreement in 2017 to keep that particular crossing open during their crew changes.

Jarrell said the railroad had been abiding by the agreement until last summer.

A time, date and place for the meeting will be announced soon according to Jarrell, perhaps as early as next week and the public will be invited to attend. An announcement will be made on the ShowMe Times.

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