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The Bootheel Solid Waste Management District is seeking to hire a part-time Recycling Education Consultant for this school year.

This position is responsible for promoting the overall reduce/reuse/recycle goals, the benefits of recycling, and the opportunities available around the district.

The district is looking specifically for a kid friendly candidate with demonstrable experience in effective classroom leadership, lesson organization, and electronic lesson preparation and presentation.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, please see full job announcement listed on the Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission website by clicking bootrpc.com/job-openings or Facebook page @bootrpc.

All resumes and list of references will be accepted until September 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the Bootheel Solid Waste Management District, Kent Luke, 105 East North Main Street,

Dexter MO 63841 or electronically via email to kluke@bootrpc.com

The Bootheel Solid Waste Management District is an equal opportunity employer.

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The Stoddard County Commissioner met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022. Bid opening sessions began at 10:00 a.m. for the county's health Insurance.

Paula Yancey asked about having a first aid kit and an AED machine hazardous materials disposal container as well as a wheelchair for the inmates, etc and for the general public, Steve Jordan was supposed to get with Chuck Kasting, SCAD Director, to talk about getting the first aid supplies etc. Jordan will call Kasting after today's meeting.

Dan Craig, County Assessor stated that the cameras went out in the hallway and four in his office. One quote which is lower is made from China and the Feds do not approve that if you get federal monies. The other bid is about \$1,000 more, but approved by the Federal Government. It was suggested that half be paid by the assessor's office and half to be paid by the Commission since those cameras are in the hallway. Craig contacted Talkington earlier and got two quotes for eight cameras and a new system with the possibility of adding more cameras to the system later.

Motion made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell to go with Creative Data Systems for 8 cameras at a price of \$6,869.00 1/2 paid for by the Commission. Commissioner Steve Jordan seconded the motion. All three voted yes.

Minutes from August 8, 2022 - Time of adjournment was left on on purpose because they met from 9 am. - noon. Talkington stated that if they go later or leave earlier he will put the time of adjournment. Carol Jarrell motion to accept the minutes, Jordan abstained as he was out with Covid, so Talkington seconded the motion. Danny and Carol voted yes to accept the minutes

Investment Policy from Josh Speakman, County Collector/Treasurer - "We are putting it where it is secure and using it conservatively. I want people to understand the policy and understand we are not investing their money to lose." Tabled until later after the commissioners have a work session.

10:00 a.m. Bid Opening for Stoddard County Health Insurance Broker:

Bid #1 - August 11, 2022 at 8:55 a.m. - Alan Hedrick with Levitte Group/County Wide Insurance, Dexter, MO

Bid #2 - August 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. - John McCarty with Arch Brokerage Inc.

Bid #3 - August 12, 2022 at 9:13 a.m. - Billington Insurance Agency

Bid #4 - August 12, 2022 at 12:02 p.m. - Gallagher Insurance Risk Management Consultants

Bid #5 - August 12, 2022 at 2:54 p.m. - Swinford and Associates Inc., Jackson, MO

Bid #6 - August 12, 2022 - at 3:14 p.m. - Mitchell Insurance, Sikeston, MO

No decision to be made today. The Commissioners will look at the proposals and make a decision later. "We have to notify our current provider by November 1st. Each Broker will need a census, a copy the claims history and what the premiums are currently," Talkington stated. We can get it down to a couple of brokers and we can schedule to go over the information at hand and do a work session. We will make that decision on Monday, August 22, 2022.

Once they choose the brokers they will need to get quotes for premiums back by October 11th

11:24 a.m. Bid Opening for DD#17 Ditch Clearing Opened - about 2,000 linear feet

Bid #1 August 12th at 9:09 a.m. Kinder Brothers Excavating total \$30,000

Bid #2 August 12th at 4:00 p.m. Hessling Construction total \$51,439.39

Low bid is Kinder Brothers Excavating with a bid of \$30,000.

Other Business:

The Commission scheduled a "Work Session" for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16th to discuss the insurance information.

A "Work Session" is set for Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. for the Commissioners to discuss the Investment Policy with Josh Speakman, County Collector.

Speakman also provided a Direct Deposit Policy. "I want to discuss direct deposit so I have available this packet with statistical information on how it will save the county money each month.

A "Work Session" was scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Direct Deposit information. No official decision will be made that day.

On Monday, August 22, 2022 the Commission will have a Public Hearing to set the 2022 tax levy for County DD's and SB 40 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Jordan made the motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Jarrell seconded it. All three voted yes to adjourn.

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During the Labor Day holiday, including the end of summertime and the busy Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is working alongside the law enforcement community in Dexter to decrease impaired driving. **From August 19 through September 5,** Dexter Police will be participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement period. In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you'll see officers working together during this time to take drunk drivers off the roads. No matter how you plan to celebrate the end of the season this year, make sure you plan it safely.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2020 that involved an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, and one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 45 minutes in 2020. This is why Dexter Police Department is working together with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to festivities during the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

"We want our community members to understand that it's our first priority to keep people safe, so we're asking everyone to plan ahead if they know they'll be out drinking," said Chief Hank Trout. "We need commitment from our community members that they'll keep the streets free of drunk drivers so that everyone can have a safe summer time and Labor Day holiday. This is an awareness effort to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal, and it takes lives. Let's make this a partnership between law enforcement and drivers: Help us protect the community and put an end to this senseless behavior," Trout stated.

During the 2021 Labor Day holiday period (6 p.m. September 4 - 5:59 a.m. September 8), there were 530 crash fatalities nationwide. Forty-six percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking (.01+ BAC). More than one-third (38%) of the fatalities involved drivers who were drunk (.08+ BAC), and one-fourth (25%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+ BAC). Age is a particularly risky factor: Among drivers between the ages of 21 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday period in 2020, 44% of those drivers were drunk, with BACs of .08 or higher.

Dexter Police and NHTSA are reminding citizens of the many resources available to get them home safely. "Drunk driving is not acceptable behavior, especially when there are so many safe alternatives to get you home safely," said Chief Trout. Dexter Police recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

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