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AUGUST 29TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

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The Stoddard County Commissioner began their weekly meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis. Mathis got right to business going over ARPA funds.

Katelyn Lambert, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission with ARPA Update

New Lisbon Township - New Lisbon Township did get the bridge completed and are now requesting reimbursement in ARPA Funds.

Motion to accept the request by New Lisbon in the amount \$51.68 for advertising reimbursement and \$60,051.58 to Payne Contracting LLC from the ARPA funds made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

Water District #4 - According to Mrs. Lambert Water District #4 has all documents submitted to BRPC for the Commissioners and all procurements have been met. This amount had been pre-approved. The total amount is \$247,000

Motion to authorize the payment from ARPA funds to Water District #4 of \$238,806.11 to Persons & Son, No. 1 and \$8,193.89 to G&C Contracting No. 1 made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell and seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

City of Essex - The ARPA Distribution Agreement was made available for the Commissioner to sign. The city will now resubmit application for the CDBG grant for their assault roadwork. The request will be a cash match for the city of Essex to use for the CDGB Grant thru Bootheel Regional Planning Commission.

Motion to accept the ARPA Distribution Agreement between the city of Essex and the Commission for \$50,000 for paving project made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

City of Advance - They are in the process in obtaining a CDBG grant and were to select an engineer at their last city meeting.

City of Bloomfield - They have obtained an engineer and are also obtaining a CDBG grant thru Bootheel Regional Planning Commission.

Justice Center Mold Update

Mathis reached out to consultants and they need to get together and decide on what to do with the HVAC units and make sure this mold issue does not happen again.

Other Business

The Stoddard County Commission will not meet on Monday, September 4th due to the Labor Day Holiday. They will meet on Tuesday morning, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 10:00 the Commission will sign a proclamation for National Diaper Need Awareness Week.

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing to set the 2023 Tax Levies for SB40 and County Drainage Districts

Motion to open the Public Hearing at 10:16 a.m. made by Commissioner Jarrell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax Levies for Drainage District 1 Reformed at 1.50 per acre made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax Levy for Drainage District No. 7 for \$1.00 per acre made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax Levy for Drainage District 13/33 at 10% Maintenance Levy w/a \$10.00 minimum made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax Levy for District #14 at 10% Maintenance Levy w/a \$10.00 minimum made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax Levy for District 17 at 10% Maintenance Levy made by Commission Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to set the Tax levy for District #19 at \$2.50 per acre made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to set the 2023 Tax Levy for the Stoddard County Developmental Disability Board (SB40) at .0794 made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

The assessed valuations are as follows:

Real Estate for 2023 \$286,771,870.00. The prior year was \$365,301,117.00.

Personal Property for 2023 \$221,488,718 and the prior year was \$213,762,230.00

Motion to close the 2023 Public Hearting to set the Tax Levies for SB40 and County Drainage District made by Commissioner Jarrell at 10:43 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the Open Session Meeting minutes from August 21, 2023 made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

No minutes from the Closes Session meeting from August 21, 2023 were available for the Commission to vote on..

Motion to close the regular session at 11:00 a.m. made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

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