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SEPTEMBER 19TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

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The Stoddard County Commission began at 9:00 a.m. sharp with Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis asking everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer over county officials, employees and the good weather for the farmers.

Katelyn Lambert, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission - ARPA Update

Duck Creek Township has their request for the 3rd portion of already approved funding from the ARPA Funds for replacement of culverts as part of structural expense from 2022-2023 including truck hauling expenses, employee labor, and rental equipment expense totaling \$24,001.93.

The remaining amount of \$18,346.65 to be used for culverts. The initial request and approved ARPA funds totals \$213,974.00. They have received their first and second portion which was \$112,068.27 and \$59,557.15 respectfully.

Motion to approve the payment of \$24,001.93 to Duck Creek Township made by C.D. Stewart. Seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the \$3,526.50 for two culverts to Duck Creek Township for the purchase of culverts from the ARPA funds made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Bootheel Regional Planning Commission annual dinner will be October 26, 2023. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Water District #4 is performing for a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey for a CDBG grant. It is important that everyone who gets a letter, fill it out and send it back in so that Water District #4 can apply for this grant.

There will not be a CDBG cycle in November this year, but a Super Cycle in April 2024 for grants. It will be the 2023 and 2024 funds put together.

Russ Oliver, Attorney at Law, Lawsuit Over Sunshine Law Requests

Presiding Commission Mathis updated the lawsuit filed by Russ Oliver in regards to requesting video and other items via Sunshine Law. Stoddard County Commission in closed session did hire a private attorney because the lawsuit did not fit in the parameters of the liability insurance policy. After further interaction with the insurance company, Travelers Insurance is now going to represent the county legally and any employees if there is a potential future lawsuit.

Randy Kinder, Closing of Carrier Lane in Dexter

Kinder is owner of the property connecting the road requested to be closed and does not provide public access to public waters, creeks, rivers, parks, schools, or tributaries of any of these. No roads/alleys will be closed that deny access to other properties. Both Kinder and Kinder Excavating own the property and Liberty Township is also in agreement to closing the road.

Motion to close Carrier Lane with the following addresses 12825, 12829, and 12955 in Dexter, MO made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Other Business:

The Commission received a letter from the USDA NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) U.S. Dept of Agriculture. The NRCS is preparing an Environmental Document to assist in the Federal decision-making process concerning the Main Ditch - Little River Watershed including potential areas where work will be conducted.

Motion to accept the Minutes from Monday, September 11, 2023 made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the Closed Minutes from Monday, September 11, 2023 made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Commissioner Mathis emailed Mr. McCarty, Insurance Broker, about the 2024 Insurance Rates. He did not have available and will get back with Mr. Mathis as soon as possible.

Motion to go into Closes Session at 11:02 a.m. made by Commissioner Stewart. Seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Important Dates

September 26th Special Closes Session at 9 a.m. (Cyber Security)

October 9th Offices will be closed for Columbus Day. Commissioners will be meet on Tuesday, October 10th.

October 17th Salary Committee Meeting at 9 a.m.

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