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# Stoddard County Commission Meeting - Monday, December 2, 2024

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Presiding Commissioner asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer over the county.

The Commissioner failed to address the other two individuals on the Johnson Grass Board when they appointed Doug Lowery. When they received a letter in the mail from the Agriculture Dept requesting they re-appoint the other individuals.

Motion to re-appoint Ronnie Elsworth and Matt Nichols to the Johnson Grass Board made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

### **Cecil Weeks, Stoddard County Clerk**

Misc Fund is actually the Private Car Tax Fund. All the railroad cars that come thru the town of Dexter has a tax on it. The Financial Institution Tax from the courts also goes into that Misc. Fund.

Mr. Weeks distributes the monies to the schools within the county. The auditor suggested that the Commissioners change the name of the fund from Misc. Fund to the Private Car Tax Fund. \$3,315.00.

Motion to rename Misc Fund 16 on the Stoddard County Budget to the Private Car Tax Fund made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All

three voted yes and motion passed.

### **Fund #5 County Farm Line Item on the Stoddard County Budget**

According to Commissioner Stewart there is \$27,810.00 in the fund as of 11/7/2024.

The Poor Farm Monument came from out of this fund several years ago. The recommendation came from Mr. Weeks to move that money to the General Revenue Fund because no one has requested any monies out of it in years. It was just a housekeeping move. Question from this reporter was, "Could the monies be used for the upkeep of the grass or something for the Veterans Cemetery Foundation? No real answer given; however it was discussed among the Commissioners.

Motion to closed out County Farm Fund 5 and transfers to General Revenue in the amount of \$27,810.32 made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

### **Remove CART from Fund 6**

Motion to Remove the word CART from Fund 6 made by Commissioner C.D.Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

CART Fund is now Fund 44 and Fund 6 will now only be Road & Bridge.

"We are not moving any money just renaming the Fund for the auditors," stated Weeks.

County Aid Road Trust Fund (CART) monies are split between the road districts and the county.

### **Drainage Ditches**

"I know that Speakman has done some good research on these ditches," stated Mathis.

"Nobody knew when the ditches consolidated etc."

"Let's put this on the Agenda for two weeks from today," stated Mathis.

### **Dale Moreland, Castor Township Requesting Additional ARPA Monies**

"The Railroad did not have any ownership of County Road 551 across from County Road 510," stated Dale Moreland, Castor Township.

"That bridge there goes into the Bostic property, the side walls are good and Chad Payne gave us a quote in the amount of \$11,750. and that is for a deck on top of that bridge.

Jacob Cleary printed off some things and the bridge is absolutely terrible," Commissioner

Mathis said.

"The railroad people said it is not on them. It will be the Castor Township and therefore requesting monies out of the ARPA funds," continued Moreland.

"We will put it on our agenda next week to get the money allocated for that repair," stated Mathis. Moreland said he will make sure when the Board meets on Tuesday night they will vote on everything and get a letter to Katelyn Lambert at Bootheel Regional Planning Commission as soon as possible.

Motion to accept Monday, November 25th minutes made by Commissioner Jarrell, Mathis seconded. Abstaining due to be absence Sewart. Both voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to put out for bid for the roof top unit over the Justice Center will be delayed until next week. Specs have been written; however the Commissioner need time to review the information.

Motion to accept the Closed Session meeting minutes from Monday, November 25th made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Abstaining was Stewart due to absence. Both voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to enter into Closed Session made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Open session ended at 11:05 a.m.

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