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MARCH 19TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Commissioner Carol Jarrell began the regular weekly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer over the county. Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis will arrived a little late this morning due to some unforeseen circumstances.

Old Business

Motion to approve the March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. Both voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 11, 2024 closed meeting minutes made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. Both voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the March 11, 2024 Bid Opening Meeting minutes made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. Both voted yes and motion passed.

Commissioner Greg Mathis arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to approve the Bid for Roper Excavating for the clean-out of Ditch #1333 and #14 in the amount of \$109,140.00 made by Commissioner C.D.Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Pam Wheeler, Stoddard County Clerk's Office - 504 ADA Compliance

"We have many versions of this," stated Wheeler. "Actually we have three versions." After several minutes of hammering out the compliance issues motions were made.

Motion to adopt section 504/ADA Grievance Procedure made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to pass Resolution 03-18-2024 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA act of 1990 to provide comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with Disabilities in the area of employment, public accommodations, state and local Government services and programs, and telecommunications made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Josh Speakman, Stoddard County Collector/Treasurer

Personal property falls off once it is five years delinquent. this could be due to death or a business closing that we can not collect taxes from. it is usually around \$50,000 to \$60,000 each year.

The collector does make attempts to collect by sending a letter each year to the individual. The 2018 amount is \$66,718.94 that will not be collected.

Motion to accept the 2018 Tax Year Outlaw Report made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Speakman also asked that the Commission consider increasing the pay for jurors along with mileage paid. Currently the state reimburses \$6.00 per day for each juror. The County pays \$12 per day to each juror if they are not selected and \$18.00 per day if selected to serve in a jury trial. The county pays \$.25 per mile to jurors to drive from home to the courthouse and back home again.

"I just feel like \$12 a day is just too low," stated Speakman. "My recommendation is \$25 a day for non-serving and \$50 a day for those who serve and \$.50 a mile."

Missouri State statutes 494.455 and 488.040 address the minimums required by counties to pay jurors.

The Commissioners will review and compare to other counties. They will decide at a later meeting.

Motion to make the payment on the Drainage Ditch #1333 in the amount of \$13,675.41 and Ditch #14 at \$75,275.76 cleanup shall be paid as follows out of Stoddard County General Revenue by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 12:03 made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All voted yes and motion passed.

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