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Timeline of CARES Act Funding in Stoddard County

DECEMBER 21ST 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Stoddard County, MO - The state of Missouri gave Stoddard County \$3,405,212 of CARES Act money to distribute to small businesses, government, and other entities. Money was deposited on May 6, 2020. This is the second article in a series of articles relating to the CARES Act funding for COVID-19.

The first check written was to Dr. Bobby Jibben on August 4, 2020 for April, May, June, and July for \$2,000. Jibben was named Stoddard County physician to oversee the COVID-19 Pandemic.

August 2020 Checks

8/4 Bobby Jibben \$2,000.00

8/31 Bank of Advance (Payroll Deductions for Jibben) \$61.60

8/31 Frank Killion \$369.40

September 2020 Checks

9/8 Advance R-4 School District \$53,675.00

9/8 Bell City R-2 School District \$25,377.76

9/8 Bernie R-13 School District \$101,697.99

9/8 Bloomfield R-14 School District \$44,428.38

9/8 Dexter R-11 School District \$76,270.67
9/8 Dexter R-11 School District 29,161.99
9/8 Puxico R-8 School District \$14,384.02
9/21 Bell City R-2 School District \$41,268.94
9/21 American Steakhouse \$23,521.94
9/28 Bloomfield R-14 School District \$67,130.47
9/28 Bootheel Regional Planning Committee (Non-Profit) \$1,017.11
9/28 Dexter Cinema, LLC \$10,608.43
9/28 Dexter R-11 School District \$142,385.00
9/28 Matt Thurmon, Shelter Insurance \$7,322.96
9/28 Richland R-1 School District \$24,691.75
9/28 Bobby Jibben (August/September) \$1,000.00
9/30 Bank of Advance (Payroll Deductions for Jibben) \$95.38
9/30 Frank Killian (Payroll) \$335.22

October 2020 Checks:

10/13 Southeast Health (Labs) \$359.18
10/19 Advance R-4 \$21,756.40
10/19 Bernie R-13 \$12,127.78
10/19 Bootheel Regional Planning Committee (Non-Profit) \$53.90
10/19 Carwile Glass Co. (Plexiglas Dividers) \$570.00
10/19 Puxico R-8 School District \$256,956.12
10/19 Stoddard County Ambulance District \$193,657.12
10/19 Stoddard County Sheriff's Department \$32,612.44

10/19 County Collector's Office for June & August \$10,093.12

10/26 Airways Cafe \$3,662.29

10/26 Allen Christian Buick, Inc (Monthly Expenses) \$69,359.23

10/26 City of Dexter \$42,786.28

10/26 Dexter Cinema, LLC (Expenses Mar-Sept) \$4,757.25

10/26 Rich Plus Paper Co, LLC \$5,180.14

10/26 City of Bloomfield (Temp Scan) \$3,840.00

10/26 Carla Moore Treasury (Generator Repair) \$1,189.95

10/30 Frank Killian \$335.22

10/30 Hannah Gregory \$299.31

10/30 Bank of Advance (Payroll Deductions for Killian \$ Gregory) \$145.93

November 2020 Checks:

11/3 Christian Memorials & Signs \$8,445.71

11/3 Dexter Family Eye Care \$13,982.45

11/3 Farmhand Supply \$3,419.87

11/3 Pizza Hut \$8,638.04

11/3 Puxico Skating Rink, LLC \$2,542.43

11/3 Richland R-1 School District \$47,934.03

11/5 Whitehead Electric, LLC (Vehicle, Phone, Utilities) \$3,172.93

11/10 BA Promotions \$16,155.60

11/10 Bella Bean Boutique \$5,188.21

11/10 Bloom Salon \$3,415.65

11/10 Dexter Cinema, LLC (Rent) \$12,701.06

11/10 Dexter Fire Department \$34,979.68
11/10 Dexter Music Center \$20,504.46
11/10 Dexter Queen, LLC \$23,374.29
11/10 Dhafers \$37,037.55
11/10 Fashion Exchange \$3,288.73
11/10 Hickory Log \$15,467.25
11/10 Jackson Florist & Gifts \$13,919.39
11/10 Liberty Township (Payroll) \$2,121.97
11/10 Little Hornets Daycare \$4,111.42
11/10 Miranda Jordan, LMT (Rent & Supplies) \$5,043.01
11/10 MJs Auto Sales \$11,450.81
11/10 Old Timers Antique Mall \$10,475.30
11/10 Salon 10 LLC \$4,238.56
11/10 The Gallery \$9,965.03
11/16 County Collector's Office (For Nov Election) \$1,860.00
11/16 SoutheastHEALTH of Stoddard County \$538.77
11/17 Bernie R-13 School District \$2,199.21
11/17 Brem Insurance, LLC \$14,216.73
11/17 Calla Lily's, LLC \$5,956.03
11/17 Chasing Serenity Womens Fitness \$6,387.85
11/17 City of Dexter \$27,377.29
11/17 Dexter Fire Department \$86,759.10
11/17 Dexter First Assembly of God Church \$15,958.36

11/17 Dexter Inn \$86,547.31
11/17 Dexter Pizza Company \$23,568.42
11/17 Dexter R-11 School District \$56,150.29
11/17 Dudley Church of God Church \$13,507.03
11/17 First Missouri Bank of SEMO (FMB Bank) \$4,439.32
11/17 K9 Biz \$2,800.95
11/17 N'Style Galleria \$4,464.29
11/17 Post At the Pink Zebra Rae's \$\$2,472.11
11/17 Puxico R-8 School District \$13,256.65
11/17 Puxico R-8 School District \$113,072.81
11/17 Quality Choice Hearing Aid Center \$6,089.06
11/17 Richland R-1 School District \$5,932.02
11/17 SEMO Land Design, Inc. \$20,399.70
11/17 Teel, Helen \$2,225.54
11/17 The Gathering \$91,452.99
11/17 The Perfect 10 \$557.94
11/17 Vivan, LLC \$58,001.82
11/17 Whitehead Electric, LLC \$11,392.14
11/23 Betty Lou Boutique \$6,624.66
11/23 Heavy Duty Trux, LTD \$6,106.60
11/23 Pennington Auto Tire and Body \$13,622.09
11/23 Puxico Skating Rink \$13,619.40
11/23 Stars and Stripes Museum \$\$3,888.84

11/24 Gregory, Hannah (Payroll) \$443.42

11/24 Killian, Frank (Payroll) \$401.30

11/24 Bank of Advance (Payroll Deductions) \$210.25

December 2020 Checks:

12/1/20 Advance R-4 School District \$41,397.95

12/1 Bunny Patch \$6,128.54

12/1 Christian memorials & Signs \$3,161.06

12/1 Gerena Baker, Mary Kay Sales \$935.69

12/3 Abners Pump Service \$2,519.45

12/3 Bloomfield R-14 School District \$37,032.52

12/3 Brown Auto Sales \$5,121.13

12/3 Corner Stop Cafe \$2,069.95

12/3 Dexter R-11 School District \$7,486.58

12/3 Dudley Church of God \$3,806.29

12/3 Gregory's Two East, LLC \$8,857.82

12/3 Heartland Food Management, LLC \$16,831.45

12/3 L&M Locksmith \$10,293.40

12/3 Hubbards Jewelry, LLC \$2,660.28

12/3 Robin Northern, Attorney \$21,835.09

12/3 Pennington Auto Tire & Body \$568.10

12/3 Puxico R-8 School District \$4,183.01

12/3 Richard Walker DBA MotorbikesRus \$5,180.16

12/3 Stoddard County Fair Board \$24,292.00

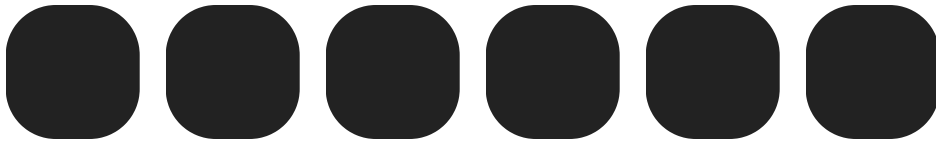
12/3 Stoddard County Sheltered Workshop \$18,081.92
12/4 Dexter Queen, LLC \$23,374.29 (Replacement Check for 11/10)
12/8 American Steakhouse \$46,741.19
12/8 Bell City R-2 Schools \$12,520.34
12/8 Bloomfield Fire Department \$99,923
12/8 Blue Mule Cafe \$44,703.74
12/8 City of Dexter, \$7,486.58
12/8 Dexter Cinema LLC, \$7,117.99
12/8 Donut Palace, \$15,448.35
12/8 Dudley Fire Department \$33,810.00
12/8 Paradise Lounge \$33,205.94
12/8 Richland R-1 Schools \$8,045.09
12/8 The Vendor Market \$2,843.53
12/8 Wethington Tire and Auto \$15,258.00
12/11 Bobby Jibben \$ (November & December Payroll) \$1,000.00
12/14 L&M Locksmith \$4,603.84
12/14 Lambert Engineering & Surveying \$10,293.40

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Businesses Address Stoddard County Commission Concerning of Disbursement of Cares Act Funds

DECEMBER 16TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

Businesses Address Stoddard County Commission Concerning of Disbursement of Cares Act Funds

The Stoddard County Commission met on Monday, December 14, 2020 in a regularly scheduled meeting in Bloomfield. On the agenda was Dee Loflin who wished to discuss Covid-19 CARES Act funding for businesses.

The state of Missouri provided Stoddard County \$3,405,212 of CARES Act money to distribute to small businesses and government entities.

The application deadline set by the Commission was November 30, 2020; however applications continued to come in during the first week of December. Since that time it was reported that the Commission had depleted the CARES Act monies and there was not enough left in the account to go to those businesses that applied prior to the deadline; however, some businesses were funded while others were not.

Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alisha Trammell stated 13 businesses submitted the appropriate paperwork by the November 30th deadline have not received any funds, while other businesses that submitted paperwork on the same day or later have received funds. Also one business that applied on November 12th did not receive any funding while another business that applied on the same day did receive funding.

Stoddard County Presiding Commissioner, Danny Talkington, stated that funding to businesses was a "first come first serve" basis.

Harry Patel, owner of Econo Lodge Hotel, spoke at the meeting. Patel stated he felt discriminated against because two other local hotels had received 100% funding, while his hotel received no funding. He stated he submitted his paperwork on November 12th, which was confirmed by Trammell at the meeting. Several businesses were funded at 100% after his application was submitted.

"By the time his application was processed it is now sitting in this stack (pointing to a large stack of file folders on his desk) we are working on now. We are down to the point that most of the requests in November are still sitting and waiting." according to Talkington.

Patel went on to explain he had applied on the same day as another hotel, Hickory House Inn, and that business received 100% funding along with payroll reimbursement just days later.

"How come I did not receive any money?" Patel asked. Talkington stated his (Patel) was still in this stack to be processed.

"At that point we were taking them in as they were coming in and how they were processed and why yours was not turned in as quickly to us as the other person you are talking about, that I can't tell you. Once it comes to us we process it through and we go ahead do a payment and we were doing a 100% up until November 30th. Now we can not do 100% and the money is not there so we are going to try and figure out what we can do," Talkington answered.

"This is the way it's being done. You may not like it." stated Talkington, "We were processing them as quickly as they came in. EMA Director Frank Killian would review them and we would process them and write a check."

According to a printout received by this reporter by the Commission there were several checks written on December 8th for businesses in the amount of \$327,103.75. They are listed at the conclusion of this article.

Trammell, who helped to inform businesses, both members and non-members, of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce, does not know what to tell businesses who did not receive funds.

"It's just hard when I have two hotels, who submitted basically the exact same application. I mean, they came in together. We went through their documentation together. Their spreadsheets were basically the same. They didn't ask for anything different. I sent them within minutes of each other. And one is fully funded and the other is not," Trammell said.

Talkington could not explain why he had not seen the paperwork for Econo Lodge.

"As of now we have about \$1.4 million dollars in requests and less than \$50,000 in the account to be funded to businesses," stated Talkington. "Businesses will now only receive pennies on the dollar. We also had service organizations request monies and we may or may not be able to fund them at this point."

Loflin asked if any businesses that applied earlier in the year such as October or early November did not get funding. Talkington said that maybe only one service organization that he knew of would not get funding.

Cecil Weeks, Stoddard County Clerk, is responsible for tracing CARES Act disbursements. At the November 30th meeting, according to Carol Jarrell, County Commissioner, Weeks presented a report showing over one million dollars available for disbursement. During the same meeting the Stoddard County Collector's office made available a report showing only \$750,000 available.

Loflin asked Talkington, "What did you believe you had in the bank on November 30th to disburse to those businesses applying on time?"

He stated that he believed they had a little over \$300,000 available to those businesses. Talkington stated that the Commissioners had pre-approved expenditures for the fire department and the health department; however they had not submitted their expense receipts.

"All those totals have come in now," commented Talkington. "We have \$43,000 left to disperse. Requests that came in on November 30th or after are around 1.4 million. We are trying to work on them now and how to approach that."

When asked did entities who submitted their application after the deadline receive funding before those businesses who applied prior to the deadline, Talkington replied "no". Steve Jordan, County Commissioner, followed with a resounding "no" as well. Loflin asked, "Are you 100% sure on that?" Talkington said "yes." "Those that applied after November 30th will not and have not been funded."

Businesses were given guidelines and instructions including eligible reimbursements and specific qualifying months. The original qualifying months were March, April, May, and June.

CARES Act money was deposited into the Stoddard County account on May 5, 2020. It wasn't until September that businesses were made aware that they could apply for CARES Act money. In the following months those businesses who had already applied were made aware they could appeal and ask for additional funding for months July, August, September, and October.

"New orders or new changes came out from the state (in September) so we extended that and took in businesses that were still being impacted," per Talkington. Loflin asked if that was made public. Talkington said, "We did not know if it was made public." When asked if some businesses were funded for those additional months, Talkington said, "yes". A press release from the Commission was not sent out to the ShowMe Times.

Other businesses were told they could only submit expenditures for the months March - June. While some businesses received a second check and even third check, many had not even received any funding at all.

Loflin stated when she submitted her application for ShowMe Times she was not made aware that she could apply for additional months of funding. Loflin applied through the Chamber of Commerce and stated she was told only March - June were available. Talkington said, "That's not my problem."

Trammell confirmed that she was only made aware of funding for March, April, May and June and it would be on a first come first serve basis.

Loflin asked the Commission, "Did entities who submitted their application for payroll and mortgage payments receive funding for those items?" Talkington stated "no" to payroll because that was covered under the PPP (Payroll Protection Program).

"We chose not to pay for payroll and to my knowledge not one business was paid for payroll out of the CARES Act," commented Talkington. "We would have to go back and look through all the applications to make sure."

Loflin requested a list from the Commissioners of those businesses who had received funding and the amounts. Loflin was told she that information is only available through Cecil Weeks, Stoddard County Clerk and she must submit a Sunshine Law Request form.

Loflin also requested a copy of the check register from January 1, 2020 to the present and again was told to obtain that information from Weeks utilizing a Sunshine Law Request form.

Both forms were submitted on Monday, December 14, 2020. Weeks stated that he would have to consult with the county's attorney in St. Louis prior to fulfilling the requests. By law Weeks has three days to provide the documentation.

Loflin asked about the August decision made by the Commission to do PSAs (Public Service Announcements) with the local news media outlets, ShowMe Times, KDEX, and the Daily Statesman, Talkington stated that Ben Godwin, Stoddard County Health Dept Administrator had come forward and said he was doing those PSAs. Talkington said Godwin was to rotate with each media outlet. Loflin researched this with Godwin and was told this was not being done.

Loflin asked if they had moved the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the Health Dept. Talkington said they were in the process, but had not finalized the move yet.

Trammell asked at the end of the meeting how the businesses would know what funding they would receive. Talkington stated he would personally contact businesses to let them know what percentage of the CARES Act requests would be funded.

The County Clerk's office provided a print-out with the following information.

December 8, 2020 Checks for a total of \$327,103.75:

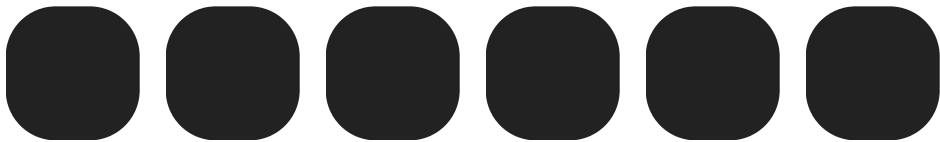
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Indoor Tag Sale - Everything Must Go!

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Indoor Tag Sale - Everything Must Go!

Dexter, MO - This is an indoor yard sale and everything must go! Located at 1014 North Woodland in Dexter from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2021..

This list is long, but here are just a few items available: small kitchen appliances, furniture, shelves, tvs, electronic books, yarn and crafting materials, ping pong table, Christmas items, board games, 2008 Chevy Malibu, lawn mower, leaf blower, snow shovels, regular shovel, computer print with Wi-Fi capabilities, Bose Sound accessory, Samsung notebook, electronic dartboard, small card table with four chairs, desk chair, futon, game cube, Wii, and PS II games, (no console), Coca-Cola collectables, plates, dishes, bowls, glasses, microwave, baseball gear, left handed catchers mitt, miscellaneous tools, lots of decorations type items, water jugs, Igloo, blender, KitchenAid, a combination air fryer pressure cooker, George Foreman grill, large Keurig, small Keurig, lots of Legos and a Lego table, Piano light, lots of piano music, several sleeping bags of different warmth ratings, Scouting materials, shirts, books and various scouting stuff.

There may be a longer list prior to the sale, so watch the ShowMe Times for an update on this yard sale.

Directions: South on 1 Mile Road and turn west onto Bain St. Right onto North Woodland.

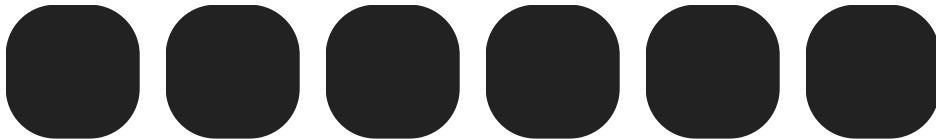
Also you could go south on 1 Mile Road, turn west onto Fanetta Street, then turn north onto Woodland.

Or you can go down Grant Street and turn north onto Jibben St just in front of the Dexter schools. Turn left onto Fanetta then right onto Woodland.

No matter the direction just don't miss out on this huge sale!

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NOMINEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STODDARD COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Citizens of voting age in Stoddard County, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 262-577, R.S. Mo. 1969, will have an opportunity to vote and elect members to the University of Missouri Stoddard County Extension Council in January 2021. The elected and appointed members of the extension council will guide and direct extension work within the county.

Listed in alphabetical order, the following persons have accepted the nomination to run for an open seat on the Stoddard County Extension Council.

James Childers

Pam Elder

Jennifer Hampton

Robinn Daves-Huey

Ashley Jarrell

Kelly Morgan-Midkiff

Additional nominations may be made by petition of 25 or more qualified voters residing within Stoddard County, filed with the council within 20 days after the publication of this notice of election. Forms for nominations are available in your county extension office located at:

316 South Prairie Street

Bloomfield, MO 63825

573-568-3344

Gary Wyman, Chairman

Stoddard County Council

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U.S. 60 Outer Roads in Stoddard County Reduced for Guardrail, Cable Repairs

DECEMBER 06TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

U.S. 60 Outer Roads in Stoddard County Reduced for Guardrail, Cable Repairs

Stoddard County, MO - The U.S. Route 60 outer roads in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform guardrail and cable barrier repairs.

Work will be underway on both outer roads along Route 60 simultaneously. This section of roadway is located from Missouri Route 51 to Route TT at Dudley, Missouri.

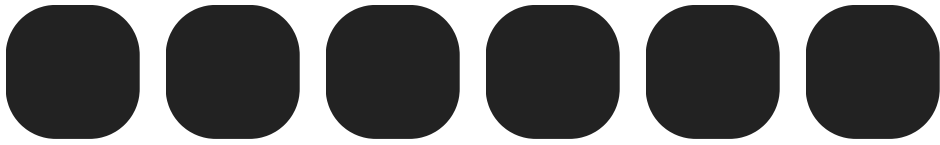
Weather permitting, work take place Monday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

The work zones will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

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