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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Board of Aldermen passed two ordinance on Monday at its April meeting.

The first ordinance authorizes the city to execute a block grant agreement with the MO Highway and Transportation Commission for a sum not to exceed \$774,258.00. The city of Dexter will match these funds of \$55,528 total. This grant will allow the construction of two box hangars at the Dexter Municipal Airport.

The second ordinance was the acceptance of a bid from Clark and Sons Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$697,890.00 for the construction of the said hangars at the airport.

The board approved both ordinances meaning the block grant will be adjusted down in accordance with the bid and the matching funds the city will pay will also be adjusted down.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alisha Trammell spoke on behalf of the Economic Development Board stated that the American Rescue Plan was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021. This plan will bring \$5,629,220.00 to Stoddard County in COVID-19 relief. These funds will be distributed by the county in two parts with half of the funds in about two to three months and the other half in 2022. Funds must be used by 2024.

The cities within Stoddard County will also receive funds based on populations. Dexter will receive an estimated \$1,439,426.55. These funds will also be dispersed in two parts.

Allowable uses of the funds defined by the plan are to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or the resulting negative economic effects, provide "premium pay" to essential public workers (up to a maximum premium of \$13/hour or \$25,000 per worker), provide services (equivalent to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic) and invest in improvements to water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. The funds cannot be used for revenue replacement due to tax cuts. Further guidance will be received from the U.S. Treasury on the distribution of the funds.

The Paycheck Protection Program has been extended until May 31.

The board approved a \$10,000 donation to the Rib City Shootout event. Mary Worley, representing the Tourism Committee, said the committee met for the first time since Jan. 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She asked the board to approve giving \$10,000 to the Rib City Shootout events during the summer. The donation will come from the tourism tax.

Jamie Rowe, Dexter Parks and Recreation Director discussed the ribbon cutting for Lucy's Dog Park located at 401 W. Market St. on Friday, April 16th at noon. The grand opening will be on Saturday with games for the dogs, dog races and food trucks will be on hand.

She also asked for a temporary liquor license for El Cabrito for the Grille It Up event at East Park scheduled for July 9th and 10th. A shuttle will be available to take those in attendance from the park to the airport where a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber will be on display for the event.

Frank Killian resigned as board president. Terry Battles was elected as the new Dexter Board of Aldermen president. Killian said due to his current obligations he was unable to attend events.

Dexter Mayor Jason Banken reappointed Adam Sadler and Bonnie Howard to two-year terms on the Parks and Recreation board. Banken also reappointed Brad Warner to a five-year term on the Airport Board.

The southbound lane on Sycamore St. is temporarily closed due to repairs needed under the bridge at Arvin Road and Sycamore. Water has washed away material under the bridge. However the bridge is undamaged. At the end of May the repairs will be made and it is estimated both lanes of the road will be shut down for one week once repairs have started.

The Dexter Board of Aldermen have formed a special committee to review the resumes submitted for the city administrator position.

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On April 3, 2021 Cesar Garcia Marcel, Hispanic male, age 46, 5'6", 165 lbs was last seen wearing a black shirt, dark jeans, and black shoes.

He has been reported missing.

Contact Dexter Police Department.

On Friday, march 26, 2021, Marcelo left his residence in a Black 2011 Honda (hatchback) 4 door passenger car with Illinois license of AX32496 and was traveling to St. Louis to visit a family member, but never arrived at his destination.

If anyone has any information please call (573) 624-5512.

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April 02, 2021

As a sign of respect for the service and sacrifice of the victims of the attack at the United States Capitol on Friday, April 2, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, April 6, 2021.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

President

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Castor Township is asking you to vote YES on April 6, 2021 to keep this tax levy in place. This will NOT be an increase.

Resident's tax rate will remain the same as it is currently with a yes vote.

There must be a public vote every four (4) years to keep the tax levy.

The ballot shall read as follows: SHALL THE CASTOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL ROAD DISTRICT LEVY A SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE TAX LEVY OF THIRTY FIVE CENTS (.35) ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR ASSESSED VALUATION IN SAID ROAD DISTRICT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, WITH THE FIRST YEAR BEING THE PRESENT TAX YEAR. /s/ Kim Williams/Castor Township Clerk.

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Dexter, MO - The city of Dexter will once again participate in Spring Cleanup during the month of April.

Bulk trash pickup is being offered each Friday. "Red Tags" may be purchased at City Hall or Harp's Grocery Store for furniture or other bulky items for \$1.00 each.

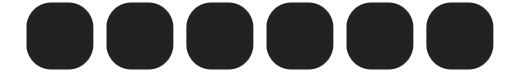
Major appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, and hot water heaters require a "Blue Tag" and can also be purchased at City Hall or Harp's Grocery Store for \$10.00 each. There is a limit of four (4) items to be picked up.

"Red Tags" may also be purchased for yard waste.

You MUST call the Water Department at 624-5527 by Thursday of each week to schedule either the bulk trash or yard waste pickup. Please only one call per household.

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