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On Friday, September 16, 2022 SFC Charles Long, US Army, Retired, honored those that went missing or were prisoners of war at the Stars & Stripes Museum in Bloomfield, Missouri.

In observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day, the POW/MIA Table was set up at the museum to honor those POW/MIA servicemen and women. It is observed annually in the United States on the third Friday in September.

Long was on hand to talk about the significance of the table. The table honors the service men and women in the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air force and U.S. Coast Guard that listed as POW or MIA.

The Stars & Stripes Museum is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

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Stoddard County Commissioners Met on Monday, September 12, 2022

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Bloomfield, MO - The Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022.

Commissioner Steve Jordan made a motion to appoint Austin Williams and Daniel Fitts to the Water District #5 Board of Directors. Their board recently all resigned.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell seconded the motion. The motion was passed 3-0. Jordan stated that he would be try to find other people to serve on the Board.

Alan Hedrick representing County Wide Insurance/Levitt Group to discuss application process to get information on the county employees to get a fair bid to the Commissioners.

"I prefer to have someone here and funnel each employee to a person here in the building," stated Talkington. "I am ok with doing that."

Hedrick suggested that 9 - noon both Tuesday and Wednesday. The Commissioners will get with the elected officials and make sure that is ok with them as well.

Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, briefed the Commissioners on the ARPA funds and grants for the Economic Development.

The Dexter Chamber and Three Rivers College are applying for a Workforce Training grant through the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Three Rivers is currently housed in the Chamber building. TRC has a lease currently and will purchase the building in January of 2025. The Chamber will remain in its current location.

Currently, the Chamber, has about 11,000 square feet unfinished and unoccupied area.

"Three rivers College and the Dexter Chamber of Commerce have combined to bring a new technical center to Dexter to house programs in construction, advanced manufacturing, welding, and lineman," commented Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

The Bootheel Technical Training Center, as it will be named, will be the only location for these programs and will be a one to two year program. The first year will be the basics and the second year will be more business oriented.

Trammell is asking for a letter of support from the three County Commissioners. The grant is due in October and should hear something in January and are prepared to open by Fall of 2023.

"Thank you for doing this and taking an interest in our community." commented Commissioner Carol Jarrell.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion that the Commissioners give a letter of recommendation/support for the Dexter Chamber and TRC Missouri Department of Economic Development grant. Commissioner Steve Jordan seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Paula Yancey, Circuit Court Clerk, spoke to the Commissioners on behalf of both Judge Brad Jarrell and Judge Rob Mayer. There are areas of the Justice Center that are not covered by security cameras. Those areas were not included in the original security system. KT Powers gave an estimate for the televisions, adding cameras, and wiring. Judge Jarrell and Judge Mayer would like the Commissioners to consider purchasing these additional cameras.

Talkington has asked Yancey to get a more up-to-date quote from KT Powers. The current quote is almost 9 months old. The Commissioners will decide at that time.

Dave Whitaker, Deputy Emergency Management Director, will be the main point of contact until someone is hired for the new Emergency Management Director. Andrew Bohnert has resigned his position effective Friday, September 16, 2022. A notice for hire has been placed in the newspaper. Whitaker has been doing this type of work since 1978.

Bohnert has requested ARPA funding from the Commissioners for upgrading Sirens/Speakers and received this quote on September 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. He would like to have upgrades to the six sirens that the County is responsible for maintaining. He would like to have 10 extra speaker drivers to have on hand at Battles Communications if one were to go out. Each siren has anywhere from 5 to 7 speakers per pole. Bernie's siren is outdated and about 20 years old. Cost would be about \$7,000 to change that one out. The entire project would cost about \$67,000 which includes labor, shipping, and replacement of batteries, amplifiers, computer and voice control modules. No decision was made today.

Bohnert had a second ARPA request to benefit seven (7) fire departments across Stoddard County. The request was received on September 12, 2022 at 11:25 a.m. The MOSWIN Radio System would allow every essential crew personnel to have a hand-held radio to communicate with all emergency responders. He applied for an AFG grant for about \$920,000 with a 9.6% match to each fire department; however he has not heard back from that grant. To finish off the purchase another \$360,000 would be requested in ARPA funds from the County for all the needed radios. Total cost would be around 1.92 million dollars for the MOSWIN Radio System. No decision was made today.

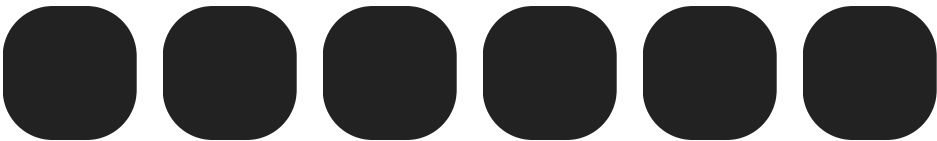
Commissioner Jordan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from Thursday, September 8, 2022. Commissioner Jarrell seconded the motion. All three voted to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. All voted yes to adjourn.

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Water District #5 - The Commissioners will need to appoint a new board to serve a specific term. Once that is done Missouri Rural Water can come in and train the board and the clerk on procedures to maintain the Water District #5. There are approximately 270 meters in the district.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell to appoint Commissioner Steve Jordan to the banking account at Southern Bank along with Brandy Ross from Water District #5 until a Board can be appointed. Seconded by Danny Talkington. Jordan abstained since he was being appointed. Commissioners Jarrell and Talkington voted yes to the motion.

Commissioner Jordan will contact a few people and ask to serve on the Board of Directors for Water District #5.

Andrew Bohnert, Stoddard County Emergency Management Director, presented a draft job description for his job. The Commissioners will review and get back to Bohnert on any recommendations or changes to the job description. If you are interested in applying you can send your resume to the Stoddard County Clerk's office.

Tornado sirens - Battles was able to do maintenance and repair. City of Advance needs a control panel. Cost will be \$210 to purchase and install. Dudley siren is at 80% capacity. It will need to be addressed in the near future. Batteries are three years old in

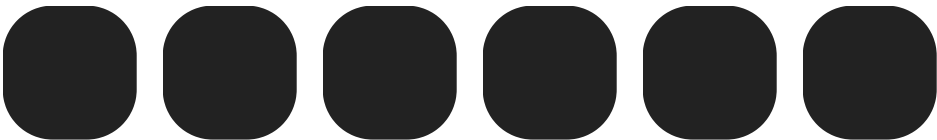
all of the sirens. They will need to be replaced over the next two years. A plan to do 1/3 each year as a long term plan. Each battery is \$200 each and it takes 4 to run the sirens. August of 2018 was the last time they were replaced. Six speakers that we maintain and operate and getting 3 new ones. two speakers and two amps, supply chain issues Cost \$3,170.00 for two complete sets. An extra solar charger on hand as well. Bohnert will get quotes by September 18, 2022 and present to the Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at noon on Thursday.

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American Flag to Fly at Half Staff in Honor of Queen

Elizabeth II

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American Flag to Fly at Half Staff in Honor of Queen Elizabeth II

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was more than a monarch. She defined an era.

In a world of constant change, she was a steady presence and a source of comfort and pride for generations of Britons, including many who have never known their country without her. Queen Elizabeth II led always with grace, an unwavering commitment to duty, and the incomparable power of her example. She was a stateswoman of unmatched dignity and constancy who deepened the bedrock Alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States. She helped make our relationship special. The seven decades of her history-making reign bore witness to an age of unprecedented human advancement and the forward march of human dignity. Her legacy will loom large in the pages of British history, and in the story of our world.

As a mark of respect for the memory of Queen Elizabeth II, 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, on the day of interment. 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 eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

President of the United States

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Flags to Fly Half Staff for Patriot Day 2022, September 11th

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Patriot Day 2022

Sunday, September 11th, 2022 marks the 21 year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in suburban Pennsylvania. Patriot Day serves as a remembrance of the lives lost on that September morning.

By a joint resolution approved 12/18/2001, (Public Law 107-89) has designated September 11th of each year as "Patriot Day" which also directs the flags be lowered to half-staff for the entire day on September 11.

A section of the law is below:

"§ 144. Patriot Day"(a) DESIGNATION.-September 11 is Patriot Day."(b) PROCLAMATION.-The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on-

"(1) State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities;

"(2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and interested organizations and individuals to display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; and'

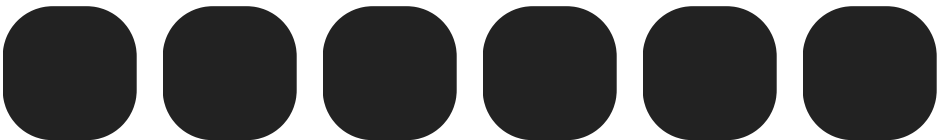
'(3) the people of the United States to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001."

Joe Biden, U.S. President

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