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Route AB in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

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Route AB in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route AB in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 25 to Route N near Bloomfield, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Oct. 3 through Thursday, Oct. 6 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

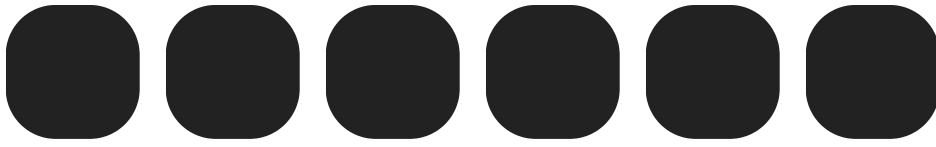
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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Stoddard County Commissioner Agenda for Work Session

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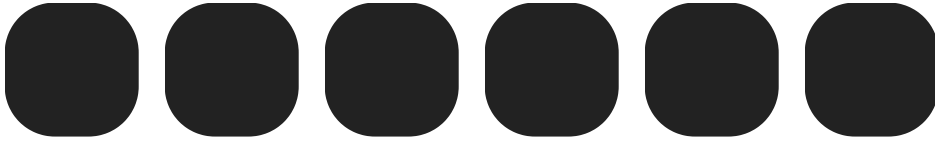
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Stoddard County Commission Agenda for a Work Session on Thursday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the government building.

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Stoddard County Commission Meeting - Monday, September 26, 2022

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Stoddard County Commission Meeting - Monday, September 26, 2022

The Stoddard County Commission met on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

In their first business of the day, Commissioner Carol Jarrell made the motion to vote on the agreement for electronic payroll payments between the County of Stoddard and Bank of Advance. Presiding Commissioner Danny Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes to the agreement.

Creative Data Systems will be here Thursday and Friday in the government building to put in the cameras that were ordered. They will also put in new wiring as well.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to postpone the vote on the Engineering Firm on the Broadband project until Monday, October 3, 2022 in order to check references. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

The vote on the County Investment Policy will also be postponed until Monday, October 3, 2022. Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to postpone the vote until County Collector

Josh Speakman is available if there are any questions. He is out of town at a conference. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

Greg Mathis attended the meeting and asked permission to review the minutes and other documents to get himself acclimated back into the commission business. He was voted in as the new Presiding Commissioner in the August 2022 primary and will run opposed in the November election.

David Cooper, citizen of Water District #5, asked the Commissioners what was going on with the #5 Board of Directors. He had several questions as to who could appoint, how many were on the board, who was collecting bills, paying bills etc.

Commissioner Talkington stated that there was an ongoing investigation/lawsuit and he could not comment on anything with regards to Steve Jordan. Once he speaks to Circuit Court Judge Rob Mayer with regards to who appoints the board members etc he did not have an answer. They currently need 4 or 5 members to serve that live within the water district.

"Is this normal when a situation like this happens," commented Cooper. "Do you all take full control of the board and write the checks?" Talkington explained he did not have an answer until he spoke to Judge Mayer.

"What is our action plan," stated Cooper. Talkington said he would have a better answer for him once he talked to Judge Mayer.

Brandi Ross is the only board member left and she is trying her best to work with the Commissioners and Justin Bell, city of Bloomfield, to keep the water flowing and getting a board in place. Bell is very familiar with the software that is being used to receive payments and set up new water accounts.

Water District #5 is currently receiving water from the city of Bloomfield. The City is helping take care of mechanical issues as well.

Ross is able to accept money for payment, make deposits and pay bills. A Water District requires two signatures on the check in order to pay the bills. Jordan had volunteered to be on the checking account since the water district was in the northern part of the county in his district. The Commissioners approved that in a prior meeting.

Three people have been appointed to the Water District Board by the Commissioners. All three were voted on during a regularly scheduled commission meeting. Since that time two of the three have told Commissioner Talkington they do not wish to served. McKenzie Farmer and Austin Williams have decided to not serve. At publication date

they have not heard from the third person, Daniel Fitts.

Cotner Electric is supposed to get a proposal together on the new generator for the sheriff's department as they need a larger more powerful one. The sheriff's old generator will then be moved to the Justice Center as theirs is about to be mechanically broken.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to approve the minutes Monday, September 19, 2022. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

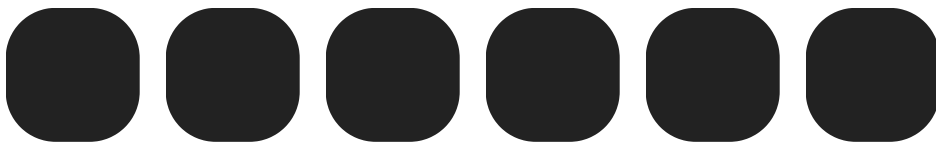
Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to include Asa Asphalt as the company chosen to do the asphalt work around the jail. That motion was voted on at the September 19, 2022. No need to amend the minutes, just adding the name of the company that was left off originally. Seconded by Danny Talkington. Both voted yes.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

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Stoddard County Commissioners Met on Monday, September 19, 2022

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Stoddard County Commissioners Met on Monday, September 19, 2022

Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Duck Creek Township representatives Matt Taylor and Doug Lowery were on the Agenda for 9:15 a.m.

Duck Creek Township would like to apply for a grant to resurface County Road 250 also known as Brown Church Road. The road is approximately one and 3/4 mile long. It has been patched and layed over several times. They would like to apply for this grant through the Stoddard County Commission for \$500,000. Duck Creek Township is doing an in-kind contribution to replace five culverts and shoulder groundwork along the road.

Presiding Danny Talkington said they will publish it in the Dexter Statesman to get a bid to help with the grant application. Deadline will be October 10, 2022. The actual grant application deadline is December 19, 2022.

Motion to obtain administrative services quote via a bid process to help Duck Creek Township apply for \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Steve Jordan made the motion, Commissioner Carol Jarrell seconded the motion. All three voted yes.

Representatives from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting. Katelyn Lambert, Asst. Executive Director to BRPC had scoring sheets from five engineering designers that were received by the Puxico Board of Alderman. City of Puxico chose Conexon out of Kansas City, Missouri. She kept them in order of submission and all submitted requests for the broadband designs were in prior to the deadline. This information was to decide on an engineers for the design of the project. Wayne County still needs to submit their engineering information at this time.

Motion made to table the decision on the broadband engineering/designing quote until the Commission has a chance to have a work session to discuss. Motion made by Commissioner Steve Jordan, Commissioner Jarrell seconded. All voted yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Jarrell to approve expenditure to Asa Asphalt of Cape Girardeau, MO of \$26,970.17 to resurface Court Street from Prairie Street to Viola Street, then resurface Prairie Street from Viola Street to Seneca Street, and resurface Viola Street from Seneca Street to Court Street that surrounds the new county jail. This will cover areas other than what Brown Construction is doing per their contract and the city will do the parking spaces. Seconded by Commissioner Jordan. All voted yes.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 12th meeting. Commissioner Jarrell seconded. All three voted yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Jordan to put MacKenzie Farmer on the board for Water District #5. Commissioner Jarrell seconded. All three voted yes.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. All three voted yes.

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2022 POW/MIA Day Observed at Stars & Stripes Museum

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2022 POW/MIA Day Observed at Stars & Stripes Museum

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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