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The Stoddard County Commissioner met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

David Cooper and Debbie Robey, Stoddard County Water District #5 Board Members, asked again about the ARPA funds for the water district.

There is available funds,” Talkington stated. “We have held back \$600,000 for things that come up. Not 100% has been allocated.”

Robey stated that in a previous meeting Talkington had said that if she brought by a receipt on a Thursday, the Commissioners could have a check back to her on the following Monday. However after talking with Katelyn Lambert at the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, all requests for ARPA funds must be submitted them to see if the receipts qualify first. That may take a few days depending on scheduling.

“When the request comes in from you (Debbie) the way we have been doing it is we give it to Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. If they say it qualifies then The Commission can approve the allocation of the funds and process the request,” stated Presiding Commission Danny Talkington.

David Cooper asked about the interest gained from having the ARPA funds sitting in the bank and/or in money market accounts. Talkington stated that the interest from the ARPA funds has been applied back to the ARPA fund account and not General Revenue. Currently as of today, the monies have been assigned to General Revenue and not the ARPA account. There has never been a vote by the Commissioners during an open commission meeting according to the minutes of all meeting since the ARPA funds were available.

Cooper had submitted receipts for ARPA funds and they have been deemed qualified by Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. In today's meeting the Stoddard County Commissioners have a voucher ready to be signed in the amount of \$3,095.25 to give to the Water District #5.

The 10:00 a.m. 2022 Single Audit Bids Open did not occur. The public notice for the bid was placed in the paper without a vote by the Commissioners in any previous meeting.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to advertise for the 2022 Stoddard County Single Audit in the November 30th and December 7th in the Dexter Statesman and perform a Bid Opening on December 12th. Seconded by Talkington. Both voted yes and passed. There are two bids already sealed and in the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 Insurance Bid Opening Meeting Minutes. Talkington seconded it. Both voted yes. The previous meeting minutes that were approved in a prior meeting had the wrong date showing November 10th and not October 12th.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Talkington second it. Both voted yes.

Presiding Commissioner Talkington made a motion to approve the voucher for attorney Alvin Schrader billing charges for Danny Talkington and County Clerk Cecil Weeks. The motion was killed due to not having a second by the other County Commissioner Carol Jarrell. There was no vote taken. Jarrell stated that these charges were not previously voted on in commission chambers to use another attorney besides the attorney that the County has on retainer which is Travis Elliot.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to accept the revised Drainage District Tax Book from Collector Josh Speakman's office dated November 9, 2022. Seconded by Talkington. Both voted yes and the motion passed.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Talkington. Both voted yes.

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