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Stoddard County Commission Meeting for Monday, November 7, 2022

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Stoddard County Commission Meeting for Monday, November 7, 2022

Bloomfield, MO - The Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Crocker, Heartland Area Land Owners, introduced himself to the Commissioners. Crocker represents landowners who want to develop their land. For example farmers who might want to put solar panels on their land. Commonly referred to as HALO, "They seek to organize, educate, and engage member landowners to better advocate for their own land use priorities. Their landowner members are passionate about their land, their world, and stewarding the resources that feed America and power its economy."

Bell City Update

Bell City Improvement Corporation (PIC) functions alone; however it is up to the mayor and the city council to get involved and appointment members. This according to Peter Coutavas, IDA Director. Mr. Finney had come to a previous meeting and asked questions about the Bell City Improvement Corporation. Mr. Coutavas will call him and let him know what he found out with regards to the group.

Bootheel Regional Planning Commission

According to Katelyn Lambert, they have almost completed the roof for the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. Tomorrow is the Bid Opening for the HVAC. Once all that is complete that should be the end of the grant they received.

Duck Creek Township - Administration Update

The only Bid received for the Duck Creek Township was from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. It was \$30,000 for the administration of the blacktop of a road in the Duck Creek Township. The Community Development Block Grant require the bidding of the administration of the grant. The Commissioners sent a letter to 23 potential bidders.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to accept the bid from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission to administer the grant for Duck Creek Township. The grant will go towards the paving project. Seconded by Commissioner Talkington. Both voted yes.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to accept the minutes from October 31, 2022. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

The minutes stated two items. Associate Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to approve the minutes for October 24, 2022 and a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to accept the Ads & Abates from the Collector, Josh Speakman. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

Stoddard County Collector Josh Speakman Update

Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax bills went out in the mail. Don't forget you can do an instalment payment plan with the County Collector. Go to the website **www.stoddardcollector.org**

Sign up now to pay your 2022 Stoddard County taxes on a monthly installment basis. Contact the collector's office at (573) 568-3327 for more information.

"Your payments will be based on the amount you paid for the previous year taxes. There will be ten equal installments, with the eleventh and final installment being the balance of the tax due. Taxes not paid in full by December 31st will result in late penalties and fees being charged which will be the responsibility of the taxpayer; and, the payment plan may be terminated.

We will only accept automated payment from your bank account. Please contact our office for further information regarding payment. If you are planning to signup for automated payment, please fill out and sign the Automated Payment Service authorization and agreement form to enroll in the installment payment plan. Please read the Installment Program fact sheet for additional information regarding the automated payment process.

Real estate and personal property taxes are eligible for installment payments at this time. Payment plans will be set up for each individual account. Delinquent taxes are not eligible for the payment plan. For example, your 2021 real estate taxes must be paid before enrolling in a payment plan for your 2022 real estate taxes.

If you currently escrow your real estate taxes with a mortgage company or related servicing company, you will not be able to set up a payment plan for that particular parcel of land at this time. Remember, payment plans will be set up for each individual account regardless of the number of properties you own."

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Seconded by Talkington. Both voted yes.

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Stoddard County Commission Vote on Insurance and New EMA Director

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Stoddard County Commission Vote on Insurance and New EMA Director

The Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the commission chambers. Commissioner Danny Talkington started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Kay Asbell said the prayer.

Carol Jarrell made the motion to make Beau Bishop the Stoddard County Emergency Management Agency Director to start on November 1, 2022. Salary will \$50,400.00 and is a full-time position. Commissioner Danny Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

There were five bids for the Stoddard County employee insurance. Arch Brokerage is the lowest bidder and Southeast Hospital as the main hospital. Fixed cost \$337,857.36 and their variable cost was 337,857.36 and a maximum cost of \$696,322.44. Based on 77 employees and one spouse. The brokerage company is located south of St. Louis and is not a local brokerage with a contract of 1 year. Cost per month for each employee \$319.00 \$1,500 deductible. You will be able to go to St. Francis, but your deductible will be higher at \$2,500. The Commissioners did not take the lowest bid, but decided based on the overall plan.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to accept Arch Brokerage and their insurance plan for a contract of 1 year to cover the Stoddard County employees with insurance. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yet. Debra Robey attended the meeting and asked about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Water District #5 had requested \$31,311. She asked what the turn-around time was for getting paid once the paid receipts are turned in. Talkington stated that if they are turned in by Thursday, the commissioners can pay it out on the following Monday. Water District #5 will have their first new board meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to accept the minutes from October 17th. Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

According to Katelyn Lambert at the Bootheel Regional Planning, the Hazard Mitigation Plans are due. The Commissioners need to sign to update the plan. Once they are signed by FEMA, SEMA, and Bootheel Regional Planning a copy will be available to the Commission.

The engineer selected for Stoddard County's Broadband grant, Conexon, is working to obtain permission to use Ozark Borders network to complete the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Once the PER is complete the project can be bid out for construction. Travis Elliot, county attorney, is working to draft a lease agreement to be used after the Broadband Infrastructure is constructed between the Internet Service Provider (ISP) and the county.

The lease is supposed to insure that the county is not responsible for any of the infrastructure maintenance or anything once it is constructed. That way the County is not out any extra money to maintain the infrastructure.

Commissioner Jarrell made the motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Talkington seconded it. Both voted yes.

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Stoddard County Commissioners Meeting for Monday, August 29th

AUGUST 29TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

Stoddard County Commissioners Meeting for Monday, August 29th

The Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled Monday morning meeting from 9 a.m. - Noon.

Minutes from Monday, August 22, 2022 were approved. Commissioner Steve Jordan made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Carol Jarrell seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The Dan Hudgens' family spoke to the Commission about the 40 acres next to their property which will have chicken houses in the near future. There are more than 40 families that live in the area off County Road 442 and really do not wish to have the

chicken houses next to their properties.

"There are no zoning laws in the county," stated Presiding Commissioner Danny Talkington.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to order AED \$1,680.72, Trauma Bag is 42.99 and the SCAD will stock that bag, and the Biohazard 5.79 100 in a box for the Justice Center Building and Government Building. Jordan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Emergency Management Director (EMD), Andrew Bohnert reported on the possible microburst that occured in Dexter on Friday, August 26th around 4 p.m. It was in the heat of the day and caused some damage in the city of Dexter. The last time this happened in Dexter the winds blew the train cars off the tracks. This time there was minor damage to the roof of Busy B, First Baptist Church, FM Bank, and a roof was blown off of Maw Maws Sale Barn next to Jackson's Florist on Walnut Street. Power was out in the area for about three to four hours.

Commissioner Steve Jordan made a motion to accept Erin Brown to fill the rest of the term for John Pruitt on the Industrial Development Authority of Stoddard County (IDA) Board. Commissioner Carol Jarrell seconded the motion. All voted yes.

ACH Direct Deposit and Investment Policy were presented with final adjustments made by County Collector/Treasurer Josh Speakman.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to accept the ACH Direct Deposit for county employees. Commissioner Jarrell seconded the motion. All voted yes.

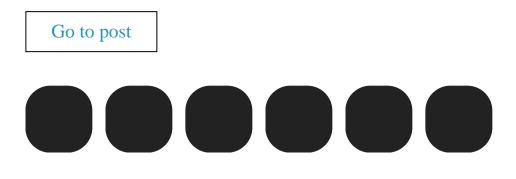
A letter of resignation was provided by Andrew Bohnert, Emergency Management Director. September 18th will be his last day.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to advertise for an open EMD position. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

There will be no meeting on Monday, September 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. Commissioner Jarrell seconded the motion. All vote yes.

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Bootheel Solid Waste Management District Hiring Part-Time Recycling Education Consultant

AUGUST 22ND 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

Bootheel Solid Waste Management District Hiring Part-Time Recycling Education Consultant

The Bootheel Solid Waste Management District is seeking to hire a part-time Recycling Education Consultant for this school year.

This position is responsible for promoting the overall reduce/reuse/recycle goals, the benefits of recycling, and the opportunities available around the district.

The district is looking specifically for a kid friendly candidate with demonstrable experience in effective classroom leadership, lesson organization, and electronic lesson preparation and presentation.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, please see full job announcement listed on the Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission website by clicking **bootrpc.com/job-openings** or **Facebook page @bootrpc.**

All resumes and list of references will be accepted until September 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the Bootheel Solid Waste Management District, Kent Luke, 105 East North Main Street, Dexter MO 63841 or electronically via email to **kluke@bootrpc.com**

The Bootheel Solid Waste Management District is an equal opportunity employer.

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