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Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis opened the meeting as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for county officials.

On the Agenda there was a line item for the Ivan Schrader Legal Update. Josh Speakman, County Collector, is not available today as he is at a spring conference. This item will be placed on next week's agenda.

City of Bloomfield

Justin Bell "In 2015 we passed a million dollar bond issue to upgrade the sewer and lagoon projects. These monies being requested will be towards an additional project."

Somewhere within the city when it rains the water overloads our sewer system. The City of Bloomfield is requesting funds from the ARPA program to test, repair, and replace items needed for a Sewer Collection System. The testing would divulge where they have inflow and infiltration issues with excessive rainwater. When they have a two or three inches of rain their present sewer system which is rated for a discharge of 300,000 gallons per day becomes strained. The result of such a rain means several of their citizens being unable to use their toilets for approximately three days until the excess water moves through the lagoon system.

The city knows there are areas in our city where rainwater is flowing directly into their lines and by video testing will identify those areas. They know they will have to insert new lining in approximately 15,000 linear feet of existing sewer lines and maybe more.

Their engineers are also telling the city that they will need to replace at least four manholes and have inserts for approximately 25 more.

The City of Bloomfield is requesting \$500,000 from the Stoddard County Commissioners to assist the city in this project. They have a cost estimate from Smith & Co. available to the Commissioners for review. The city of Bloomfield had asked for \$400,000 in ARPA assistance early on, but it has since been denied based on the federal guidelines set forth and the County attorney has already reviewed that request and was in agreement.

C.D. Stewart, New Commissioner

Mathis stated that Stewart would appear before the Senate at Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 8th for his confirmation as the new Stoddard County Commissioner. Stewart was appointed by Governor Mike Parson following the removal of Commissioner Steve Jordan.

The Stoddard County Commission had appointed Greg Lintz in the interim until Governor Parson rendered a decision. Mathis said upon his confirmation Stewart will have a swearing in ceremony during the Commission meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Peter Coutavas, IDASC Director

Coutavas has requested to help a boutique owner in Puxico the ability to rent the old pharmacy in Bloomfield.

Motion the authority given to the IIDASC terms of the lease agreements - No rent for four months, Rent of \$150/mo for four months, rent of \$250/mo for four months, and notate a new lease for the 2nd year and no security deposit. Motion made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. Seconded by Greg Mathis. Lentz Absent. Both voted yes.

Motion to accept the minutes from Tuesday, February 28th made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Mathis. Both voted yes.

Motion to accept the minutes from February 28th, Executive Session made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Mathis. Both voted yes.

Minutes from the Executive Session - Stoddard County Commission met for a closed meeting pursuant to RSMo: Section 610.021 (13)

Commissioner Mathis asked for a motion to give financial incentives to Stoddard County Sheriff Office personnel who work when the Stoddard County Government Building and Justice Center are closed fro inclement weather. A motion was heard from Commissioner Lintz and seconded by Commissioner Lintz and seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. Vote as follows Lintz No, Jarrell No, Mathis NO, Motion did not carry.

Commissioner Mathis asked for a motion to give five Stoddard County Sheriff Office employees who were hired after October 1, 2022, a raise equal to new employees performing the same job, after January 1, 2023. Pay raise will be effective for the pay period February 21, 2023 to March 20, 2023. A motion was heard from Commissioner Lintz and seconded by Commissioner Jarrell, with no request for discussion. Commissioner Lintz - Yes, Jarrell - Yes, and Mathis - Yes. Motion carried.

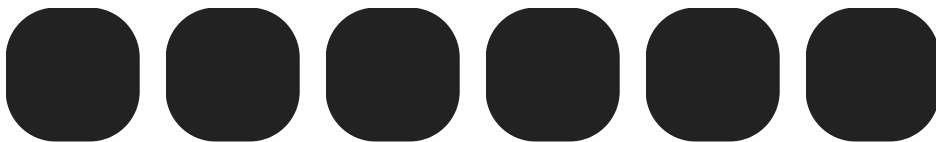
A motion to close the Executive Session made by Commissioner Jarrell. Seconded by Lintz. All three voted yes.

Motion to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. for today's meeting made by Commission Jarrell. Seconded by Mathis. Both voted yes.

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