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Duck Creek Township Seeking Bids for Box Culvert

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Duck Creek Township is seeking bids for the construction of a box culvert. The dimensions are 7'x12'x30'

Bid packets can be picked up at township shed at 22332 State Was 51, Puxico, MO or call (573) 222-6033 or Mat at (573) 427-1952.

Bids will be opened on May 4th at the Township Shed at 4:00 p.m.

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SB MO Route 25 in Stoddard County Closed for Signage Repairs

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SB MO Route 25 in Stoddard County Closed for Signage Repairs

Southbound Route 25 in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform signage repairs.?

This section of roadway is located from Frontage Road to Old Highway 25 near Dexter, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4 from 7 a.m. to 4 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 Commission Meeting for Monday, April 24, 2023

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Stoddard County Commission Meeting for Monday, April 24, 2023

Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron McKain, guest, said the prayer. Commissioner Carol Jarrell was not present for the meeting.

Commissioner C.D. Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular session, April 17, 2023. Mathis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed.

Commissioner C.D. Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes from the Closed Session, April 17, 2023. Mathis seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion passed.

Stars & Stripes Museum Expansion Update

Mathis stated that he has a surveyor getting a lot description for the Stars & Stripes Museum expansion. The Museum had requested an additional 7 acres and the land belongs to the County.

Update on the Old Medical Building Owned by the County

Mathis updated those present about the HVAC system and it is in good condition. This is in reference to the old medical building that someone wants to rent and make into a coffee shop. They will need to put a meter in place and have AmerenUE turn the gas on. Mathis asked William Dowdy, Maintenance Manager, who was present, to contact AmerenUE to get a meter installed.

City of Puxico Alderman Travis Stafford

There is an old Ford Crown Victoria police car that belongs to the Sheriff's Dept and has been sitting and will eventually go to auction. Mr. Stafford has asked the County to donate or allow the city of Puxico to purchase the vehicle as they are in high need of a car. The Puxico Police Department has a Crown Vic currently and all the partition cage parts will transfer to this vehicle. " Let's have the city of Puxico Marshall come over and start the vehicle and drive the vehicle and see if in working condition," commented Mathis. "It has been sitting over there for over a year."

Update on Mr. Ron McKain's Request to have a County Prayer Meeting Prior to Pentecost

Bloomfield Park was a no because of two weddings that will be held in the park during the dates he has requested. Dexter Park and Recreation office has not gotten back to him, American Legion wants \$125 per night to rent and I can't do that. "I am going to put it in your hands and since it is for the County, I am leaving it in your hands to find me a place. You all know of places and have an influence over the people," stated McKain.

Dale Moreland with Castor Township

Sally Cato, representing the Blackshare Family who owns the property in question is requesting that the County remove County Road 570 as a designated road in Castor Township. A gate was put up more than 20 years ago because the road goes through a swamp area and since 1998 there has not been any road maintenance since the railroad took over. The land has been designated as a wetland by the state of Missouri and the family that has owned this property has since the 1800s and want to protect the land.

There is a procedure to "close" a road which takes signatures of 12 people and an application as well as the Castor Township Board would have to be agreeable. Then a

public hearing.

Cato presented a MO State Statute 228.190 and 228.110 states that if no one has done anything for 5 years then you don't have to do this process. Mathis stated, "We will take the statute and get legal advice on the procedure." Moreland said the Castor Board will meet and vote and he did not see an opposition of this removal as a road.

Update on the ARPA request by Castor Township to asphalt roads.

"We bought the asphalt machine and we then found out that we needed new tracks. It will cost \$22,000 to replace the tracks. That's why we need to have someone to asphalt the roads and don't have the money to replace the tracks on the asphalt machine," stated Moreland.

Mr. C.D. Stewart left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to attend a funeral.

10:00 a.m. Open Bids/Letting of the Depository Bid

Four bids were received

1. Southern Bank
2. First Midwest Bank
3. First State Bank & Trust
4. Bank of Advance

"All bids will be reviewed collectively as a group. Then at that time we will vote and choose a bank. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me," commented Mathis.

Josh Speakman, County Collector, has offered to make a spreadsheet to help with choosing the bank.

No official closing of the Opening of the Bids portion of the meeting.

John McCarty, Arch Brokerage Insurance

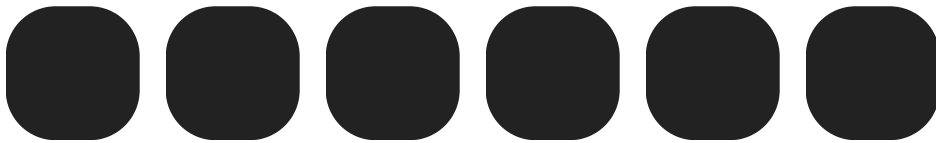
Health EZ end of the emergency for COVID-19. Insurance wants to know how to process claims going forward since the national emergency is considered over. Will COVID-19 tests be covered yes or no. If they choose no, then the plan will have to be amended.

No further business was conducted. Meeting adjourned without motion around noon time.

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April 17, 2023

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Stoddard County Commissioner Meeting - Monday, April 17, 2023

The Stoddard County Commissioners opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at 9 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Doug Lowery/Duck Creek Township

Mr. Lowery was requesting an update on the ARPA Funds; however Katelyn Lambert from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission was unable to attend today's meeting. She will get with him on an update.

Beau Bishop/Stoddard County EMA Director

He was supposed to present information regarding the ARPA Funds requests. Mrs. Lambert will call him today and get information from him.

Stars & Stripes Museum Request for Land

Sue Tippen came in and requested more land of about 7 acres on February 14, 2023. "We need to be deciding on this in the next few weeks," commented Mathis. "We need to get with the Assessor's office and look at the maps."

William Dowdy, Maintenance

William is having RL Persons to come in and look at the leaks in the old courthouse. They have repaired the roof before and will access the new leaks and see what it is going to cost to repair.

Colter Gabler/Smith & Company

Bridges on County Roads 766 and 752. He has ordered survey and drilling on 076 and will get authorization on the second bridge 075 soon. He was just updating the Commission on the two bridges they have signed a contract for them to rebuild.

Closed Meeting

Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis made a motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to RMSo: Section: 610.021 (19) (Impair the County's ability to protect security, specifically cyber security) at 10:15 a.m.

Mathis stated that they had some questions and that Alan Hedrick would get the information to them as soon as possible.

Commissioner Mathis ended the Closed Session and opened the regular meeting again at 11:00 a.m.

Motion to accept the Earthquake Insurance with CountyWide Insurance/Levitt Group \$141,500 with a \$500 policy fees Risk Insurance Brokers.

Motion to accept the minutes from April 10, 2023 by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. Seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three in favor. Motion passed.

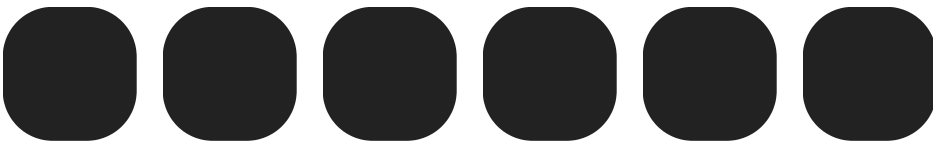
Mathis had to leave the meeting early.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Jarrell at 11:58 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Both voted yes and motion passed.

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Bus. 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Roadside Improvements

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Bus. 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Roadside Improvements

Business 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews trim the trees along the roadside.

This section of roadway is located from Specialty Drive to West Oak Street in Dexter, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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