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The Stoddard County Commissioner meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for the county officials by Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis.

### **Judge Joe Satterfield**

Judge Satterfield showed the Commission a photo of a confiscated weapon from a middle school student from this weekend who made threats to other students. The weapon in question is an AR-15.

"I just wanted you to see what the juvenile office deals with on a daily basis," stated Satterfield. "I want you to be clear what we deal with day in and day out and we do keep the schools in our area safe. I have been there 28 years and we have a program in place that works."

There are some issues going on with a certain attorney who was appointed by Judge Joe Satterfield and Judge Rob Mayer, according to Commissioner Mathis.

In 2023 the State of Missouri gave the Judges the ability to appoint an additional attorney for juveniles. There are four attorneys in Stoddard County, each with their own field of expertise.

### **Katelyn Lambert, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission**

The City of Dexter is requesting their full \$800,000 for the purchase of new water meters. Lambert stated that all paperwork is in good order.

Motion to reimburse \$800,000 in APRA Funds made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Water District #2 has signed their Distribution Agreement and Lambert is working with their attorney on other items. No other water district/township/city hired an attorney.

### **City of Dexter, Dave Wyman, City Administrator**

Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis asked about the Lagoon Project. Mr. Wyman stated that basically since Tyson has left the area the chemistry has changed quite a bit with regards to the lagoon. "Common knowledge is that Tyson has been sold and there is a pending sales agreement signed, but the attorneys are trying to formalize it before announcing to the public," commented Wyman. "We will have to get information on the amount of water that will be needed for the new company and then get with the engineers for a new design."

### **The Old County Courthouse Clock Tower**

The clock tower has been repaired and is working properly. The cost was \$5,000 and an annual fee of \$800 for a service agreement which was voted on by the previous Commission in October of 2021.

The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting for the clock tower on Monday, November 13th at 11:00 a.m. on the north side of the courthouse.

Motion to accept the October 2023 Ads and Abates from Josh Speakman, Collector/Treasurer made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Public Hearing for the de-obligation of the rural broadband has to be 7 days and not five days per Commissioner Mathis. He called the Department of Economic Development and made sure of the exact timing.

Motion to move the Public Hearing for the De-obligation for the CDB Grant from November 13th to November 20th at 10 a.m. made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes from the October 30, 2023 made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

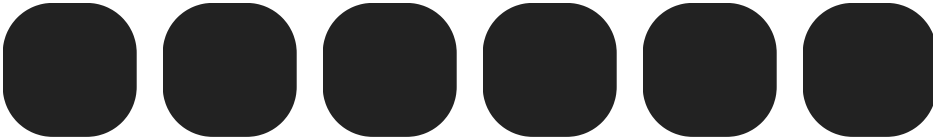
No closed session meeting minutes from October 30, 2023 or closed session meeting minutes from November 3, 2023 available until next week.

Motion to enter into closed session made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Stewart at 11:01 a.m. All three voted yes and motion passed.

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