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The Stoddard County Commission held their regularly scheduled Monday morning, July 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

New Business

Missouri Veteran's Cemetery via the Bloomfield Assistance League of the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Inc. gave the County easement to the 40 acres owned by the County. A document was filed by Mr. James R. Tweedy, Attorney, Bloomfield for a Deed for Easement. The letter of the Deed for Easement was received by the Commission to be filed.

"The Dexter Veterinary Clinic has not received a check for the treatment of the K9 officer for the Sheriff's Dept and I would like approval to reissue the check," stated Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis. Motion made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commission C.D. Stewart. The amount of the check was \$950.81 which included a prior balance.

There was some discussion on the Districts and how they are divided in Stoddard County. In a township form of government the districts have to be divided by townships and not a line by population.

District 2 includes Elk Township and Liberty Township. District 1 is all other townships in Stoddard County, Missouri.

Board of Appeals opened last week and will close next week by state statute according to Mathis.

No Excuse Absentee Voting begins on Wednesday, July 23, 2024 at the Stoddard County Clerk's Office from 8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday and the only Saturday before the election from 8 a.m.- Noon.

Judge Brad Jarrell Requesting Some Updates to Courtrooms

Judge Jarrell stated a lady in the courtroom slipped and fell from a chair with casters in Courtroom C where they do not have carpet. "This courtroom is not conducive for rolling chairs," commented Jarrell. "It would be good to have carpet in that courtroom."

Also the carpet is in bad shape and ripping in Courtroom A and Courtroom B and needs to be replaced. "We could go ahead and add carpet to Courtroom C," commented Jarrell. "We will take the casters off the chairs and put them in the jury boxes. and take those chairs and move to the courtroom areas. That will help keep the chairs from moving and prevent future issues."

Other Business

Motion to accept the minutes from July 15, 2024 made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes from Tuesday, July 16, 2024 of the Board of Equalization made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mathis. All three voted yes and motion passed.

"There was a meeting set for August 5th to discuss the Scenic Byway and I don't think we are at this point yet and no need for the meeting yet," stated Commissioner Mathis.

The Commission has decided not to publish the three Johnson Board openings in the local newspaper. "I will contact those and see if they want to stay on the board," stated Mathis. "There is no need at this time to publish the board opening." The three people on the Johnson Board terms expired on December 31, 2023.

Motion to enter into Closed session for personnel issues at 11:03 a.m. made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell at 11:03 a.m., seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

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