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The Stoddard County Commissioners met at 9 a.m. in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024. Presiding Commissioner Greg Mathis opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

There were plans to move the old generator from the jail to the Justice Center. A new base would have to be poured. There will be a moving cost. This all still needs to be done. Steve Brown with Brown Construction believes it will fit and has the plans.

New Business

Closed on Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day. The Commission will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15th.

Motion to keep our annual contribution to the employee retirement fund to keep the same for 2025 at 4% paid by the County made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

The Commissioner signed the weekly checks. This is an every week responsibility of the Commissioners to sign all checks to pay vendors.

Cecil Weeks, Stoddard County Clerk

The Commissioner is not allowed to cast five votes by one person, each person can vote one time at the MAC Convention. Stoddard County is sending four people therefore they will have only four votes.

In the Monday, September 30th minutes to elect C.D. Stewart to do the voting.

Motion to resend the motion Missouri Association of Counties Meeting (MAC) made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Greg Mathis. C.D. Stewart abstains. Two voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to appoint the following office holders as voting delegates to the MAC Meeting C.D. Stewart, Josh Speakman, Jacob Clary, and Cecil Weeks made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Greg Mathis. C.D. Stewart abstains from voting. Jarrell and Mathis voted yes and motion passed.

Donnie Lynn Hovis, Jr. Business Owner, Candidate for the 151st State Representative

I have a few questions to ask today.

1. "Steve Jordan nominated Austin Williams and was then removed I would like to request the minutes from the meeting from when he was voted on."

2. "Who do I talk to someone about the Pike Township Board." Mathis stated, "that is separate from the Commission, we don't have anything to do with their board of directors."
3. "Minutes on any contracts while Roper Excavating were nominated, voted on, and if they received and contracts for all of the Townships."
4. Hovis stated, "A lot of meetings between Steve Jordan, Cecil Weeks, and Danny Talkington were held. There should be minutes if two commissioners are meeting and talking there should be minutes. I would like this minutes." Mathis replied, "We would need a specific dates in order to get those minutes."
5. "Explanation of why there was limited minutes for the 3.5 million dollars in CARES Act Covid monies that was distributed to businesses. Minutes specifically on Heavy Duty Trucking to receive money as he was part owner and also his daughter's business for rent." Mathis stated, "You can request minutes for that time."
6. "Everyone that put in for the CARES Act money, everyone that received monies, and anyone that did not get money if they were turned down or applications lost. I want a list of those."
7. "Steve Jordan's daughter was involved in a hit and run, KFVS12 covered it." Mathis replied, "If it was a court case you have to go to the court of records. We as the Commission do not have jurisdiction over that information and court case."
8. "Any grievances filed from female employees here against Steve Jordan." Mathis replied you can file a Sunshine Law Request." (In this reporters opinion, that would be considered personnel issues and that information is not open to the public or media."
9. "Overage of monies around 3.5 million put into Stoddard County. it is my understanding \$50,000 came out of general revenue fund. I want to know if that voted on by the commission." Mathis replied, "I was not here during that time so I don't know, but you can file a Sunshine Law Request with the Clerk's office for that information."

Mr. Hovis thanked everyone for their time and stated he would be putting in several public information requests with the Clerk's office and other offices in the government building.

Beau Bishop, Stoddard County EMA

Bishop gave his report as follows:

1. Fiscal Year 2023 EMPG Grant came to a close June 30, 2023. Total reimbursement back to the county was \$24,061.21.
2. Fiscal Year 2024 EMPG Grant application was submitted on June 13, 2024. State Emergency Management advised for applicants to apply for Salary and Benefits only. Application submitted for a reimbursement of \$35,592.76. Received official communication from SEMA on September 23, 2024 that a technical review of the application had been conducted and revised with a total reimbursement of \$24,422.36. Application was revised to show amended budget lines, and resubmitted to SEMA for final approval on September 24, 2024.
3. Siren HMPG Grant Station: The siren grant for three new storms sirens has been completed and closed out with SEMA. Original approved budget for project was \$175,000 total, with a Federal Share of \$157,500 and County Share of \$17,500. Actual expenditures for the project were \$129,710 total, with a Federal Share of \$116,739 and County Share of \$12,971. Stoddard County was reimbursed by SEMA on August 8, 2024 for \$96,489. and September 4th for \$20,250 for the total \$116,739.
4. As of September 19, 2024, all EMPG Grant and Stoddard County EMD Job Specified classes/trainings that are required within the First year and Second year of employment were completed. Sixteen classes required within first year of my employment, nine classes required within the second year of employment. Certificates are available to submit for all classes.
5. Currently working with SEMA, FEMA, and Dexter EMD to form a Stoddard County COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster). Initial Kick-off meeting letter is being drafted and a list of potential stakeholders is being compiled for the invitations. We will be trying to reach out to Organizations, Business's, Schools, Faith Based groups, etc. from all over Stoddard County to form this COAD to be better prepared to offer immediate assistance to those impacted by future disasters in Stoddard County.
6. During the SEMA Conference (August 25-29), I attended a one-day session on the CAMEO Chemical Database/Marplot programs. CAMEO Chemical Database can house all the TIER II Hazmat information that Companies have to report to the State. Once this information is input into the database, it is then merged into the Marplot program which is a GIS base mapping software, and the locations of the Tier II sites are plotted on the map. This information can be used for situational awareness during a disaster for quickly locating the potential Hazmat problem area within an impacted area. Stoddard County EMA is part of the Bootheel LEPD. The Bootheel LEPD currently serves 8 counties. All 8 counties Tier II information have been entered into CAMEO Chemical Database and plotted in Marplot.
7. Stoddard County EMA was invited and participated in two Mock Active School Shooter Drills (Dexter and Advance). EMA was positioned at the Incident Command for both drills providing mapping information and any other help needed.

Other Business:

Motion to accept the Ads and Abates by Josh Speakman, County Collector made by Commissioner C.D. Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jarrell. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to accept the September 30th regular meeting minutes made by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. by Commissioner Carol Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner C.D. Stewart. All three voted yes and motion passed.

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