05-24-2021 Minutes

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

May 24th, 2021

Present:

Bill Lant - Presiding Commissioner Jamey Cope - Eastern Commissioner Rick Lett - Western Commissioner Kimberly Bell - County Clerk

General Business

Lynn Tatum, McDonald County Historical Society, met with the Commission to talk about the Old County Jail.

Dirk Deaton, 159th District State Representative, met with the Commission to discuss Senate Bill (SB) 53. This bill was passed in the Missouri House and Senate and is waiting for Governor Parson to sign or veto. One portion of SB53 contains changes to the compensation of County Sheriffs. This legislation modifies the sheriff salary schedule to require counties to base the sheriff salary of a percentage of the salary of the Associate Circuit judges; for McDonald County 55% of the salary of the Associate Circuit Judge would become the Sheriff's salary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lett to issue a Court Order to the County Treasurer, Sheila Fuller, to open a new fund to be named American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund. All American Rescue Plan money from US Department of Treasury will be deposited into the ARPA Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Lant. Vote was unanimous. LETT - YEA; COPE - YEA; LANT - YEA

A motion was made by Commissioner Cope to issue a Court Order to Treasurer, Sheila Fuller, to obtain a Cashier's Check to purchase land located at the junction of Highway EE and Business 71 for a future site for the McDonald County Health Department. The motion also states the CARES fund be exhausted, leaving \$0.00 balance ending May 2021; the rest of the funding needed will come out of the American Relief Plan Act fund (ARPA). Motion seconded by Commissioner Lant. Motion passed with unanimous vote. COPE - YEA; LANT - YEA; LETT - YEA

Commission looked at the following county roads: Eagle Road, Lawhorn Road, Moss Church Road, and Tick Ridge.

Commission conducted general business of the county.

ADJOURN

Commission will reconvene on May 26th, 2021

SIGNATURES

Approved

Wednesday May 26th, 2021

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