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Ron Hook
Western District Commissioner

Scott Nelson
Presiding Commissioner

Scott Burnham
Easter District Commissioner

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 19, 2023

In attendance were Commissioner Scott Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Ron Hook, and Administrative Coordinator Amy Kendall

Presiding Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Meeting Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve today's agenda. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

Meeting Minutes

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Monday, July 17, 2023. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

Business

A court order authorizing Presiding Commissioner Nelson to sign an agreement via DocuSign for modification of highway guide signs was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

A court order appointing a member to the Zoning Adjustment board was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

Court orders to void checks or was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

A court order to transfer funds was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

Presiding Commissioner Nelson gave a review of the courtroom progress, tracks are in for drop ceiling, tile is going in. Tim is going to put up the speakers, he said they didn't get wet. Carpet cleaners are back today to finish carpet. Monday the carpet cleaners cleaned a panel, benches, chairs, and the carpet in the jury box. Tim did say he is going to have all the panels cleaned. In the law office and Cindy's office they are mudding and working on the ceiling. Commissioner Burnham said he is getting calls from people outside of the courthouse and there is an outside perception about who we hire to do the roof. Commissioner Burnham stated that he explained the Ambrozi Contracting went the extra mile, hiring to have a drone to look at the roof and bring to us work to be done on the dome. Work to the roof and the dome go hand in hand. We did throw out two low bids then looked at Ambrozi Contracting bid. If we through out the bids and re bid for the dome and roof it would not have been fair to Ambrozi, they had done all the work, and everyone would have access to that existing bid. He continued that the outside perception is the conflict of interest with the same company working on the damage when it happened under them

watch. It will be to his advantage to keep the cost down. There was a discussion about Ambrozi Contracting contacting their insurance, no one is sure if he did or not. Presiding Commissioner Nelson said if Ambrozi Contracting stands by their word, then we are good. Commissioner Hook stated every contractor in St. Joe have all had issues and it spreads like wildfire. You don't hear the good things they do, but you hear the bad stuff. Fritz Ambrozi has always gone above and beyond when he has done work for us.

Commissioners discussed giving money to Downtown Association for a bookkeeper and updates at Coleman Hawkins Park. There is a park tax that has money earmarked for downtown park and is going through the process and getting feedback from the community.

Adjourn

With no further official business on the agenda Commissioner Burnham made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Presiding Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. All are in favor of adjourning. The meeting ended at 9:50 a.m.

Closed Meeting

Work Session with County Counselor RSMo610.021(1)

At 10:00 am Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into closed meeting for work session with County Counselor. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion. Roll call: Commissioner Hook Aye, Presiding Commissioner Nelson Aye, Commissioner Burnham Aye. Commissioners and County Attorney Josh Bachman went into closed meeting for work session with County Counselor Josh Bachman pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1). Commissioner Burnham made a motion to end the closed meeting. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion. Roll call: Commissioner Hook Aye, Presiding Commissioner Nelson Aye, Commissioner Burnham Aye. Meeting ended at 11:10 am.