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Lee Sawyer, Presiding Commissioner
Scott Burnham, Easter District Commissioner
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Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 9:03 am

In attendance were Presiding Commissioner Lee Sawyer, Commissioner Ron Hook, Commissioner Scott Burnham, Attorney Josh Bachman, County Attorney Chad Gaddie and Amy Kendall

Presiding Commissioner Sawyer called the meeting to order.

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Hook made a motion to approve today's amended agenda. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hook made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Monday, September 26, 2022. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Business

Court orders transferring funds was presented and approved by Commissioner Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Sawyer and Commissioner Hook.

Commissioner Hook will write a letter to Missouri Extension that Buchanan County Commission approved that remaining 2021 funds can carry over to 2022.

Amy will draft a letter to Rick Gilmore and Joe Lane that Commission approves to reimburse up to \$60,000 for a left turn lane on Village Drive.

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. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion. All are in favor to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 29, 2022 at 11:30 am
Review Architect Draft of Cold Weather Shelter

Attendance:

Presiding Commissioner Lee Sawyer, Commission Scott Burnham, Commissioner Ron Hook, Rachael Bittiker with Community Missions, Greg Seifert – Creal, Clark, Seifert Architects, Kim Hartman. Brett King with Interserv arrived later in the meeting.

Greg explained that he started working on this project about a week ago to an addition to the cold weather shelter. This addition has two handicap accessible restrooms with handicap accessible showers. The open dorm space is 20'x50' and can either be steel frame or wood studs. It is bare bones.

Rachael explained that she would like to have this facility open by December 1 to provide a place for homeless women to stay and not freeze to death. Over the last ten years there has been an uptick on the number of homeless women. Currently there is no place for these women to go to. The YWCA is designed for domestic violence cases and can occasionally open no more than two beds for homeless women. There are currently they are aware of 23 homeless women on the streets. This cold weather facility would be open from 6 pm to 8 am with food being donated by Mosaic.

Staffing and overhead costs for this addition is estimated to be \$50,000 per year, there would be one woman and one man staffing the center during the operating hours. The men's dorm typically houses between 15-23 individuals per night. The current cold weather facility is opened for showers for both men and women on Tue & Thur during non-freezing temperatures.

The estimated cost to construct the proposed facility is \$175,000; this is no frills-bare bones. Rachael explained that she is working to secure some grant funding to help with the operating costs. She is asking for the construction costs (\$175,000) and two years for operating expenses (\$100,000). This is a Community Mission project alone.

Brett King with Interserv arrived at the meeting.

Rachael explained that they aren't wanting to duplicate any services, but if providing a service to men, there needs to be service offered to the women as well. This project needs to get started now so it can be completed by December 1. She is currently in talks with the First Christian Church to hold the women if the expansion isn't completed by December 1, but that is final at this point.

The facility would be heated with gas. Scott explained that the Commission need to figure out where to get funding if they were to help with this project and asked if the City had been contacted. The Gaming Fund and possibility of some ARPA funding. However, the ARPA funding would take longer to secure and would done through a reimbursement process. Brett said they could make a reimbursement process work.

Rachael stated that she really needs to have an answer today. Ron can't have a say as he serves on the board. Scott said they would decide and let her know. There will be more discussion and a decision on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.