

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, June 28, 2021

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, June 28, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to meet with appropriate social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held in the lower-level meeting room at the First State Community Bank, 1022 Route 47, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills
MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
David Lange, City of Marthasville
Mike Mueller, Lincoln County
Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Doug Lensing, Montgomery County
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln County
Tessa Bruns, Lincoln County
Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook
Crystal Hall, Lincoln County

Trish Dunn, Village of Innsbrook
Marie Schneider, City of Jonesburg
Dan Rowden, City of Wright City
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Dave Teeter, Montgomery County
Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook
Roschell Eaton, City of Winfield
Robin Cryts, City of Winfield
Jodi Schneider, City of Troy
Ron Sconce, City of Troy
Jim Schuchmann, City of Wright City

Jeff Porter, State Representative #42
Deborah Cannon, Village of Fountain N Lakes
Gary Adams, City of Bellflower
Joe Kaimen, Lincoln County
Kathy Hancock, Montgomery County
Andy Dummerth, Office of Senator Josh Hawley
Robert Lynch, Village of Fountain N Lakes
Brandie Walters, City of Warrenton
Brandon Alexander, State Treasurer's office
Jennifer Meyer, Office of Senator Roy Blunt

Chad Eggen, BRPC
Christine Zika, BRPC
Kathy Bingham, BRPC

Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC

Kim Meyer, BRPC
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC

BRPC Chairman Ryan Poston called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance, introductions were made. Andy Dummerth from the office of Senator Josh Hawley and Jennifer Meyer from the office of Senator Roy Blunt were in attendance to provide legislative updates for the BRPC membership.

Agenda, Minutes & Financial Report

- Dave Teeter made a motion to approve the agenda. Gary Adams seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Dave Teeter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting. Gary Adams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen gave the financial report which included the FY2022 proposed budget (attached). The BRPC Executive Board had approved the proposed budget at its June 2021 meeting. Director Eggen reported that, overall, projected revenues and expenses will be similar to previous years. There may be some decreases in Workforce program funding. Most of the organization's expenses are for staff. David Lange made a motion to approve the financial report and proposed FY2022 budget. Dave Teeter seconded and the motion was approved.

Chairman & Executive Director Reports

Chairman Ryan Poston thanked everyone for coming. Director Eggen mentioned that the organization had recently sent out a newsletter. They invited MoDOT District Engineer Erik Maninga to provide a transportation update. He shared the following:

- Montgomery County Route E – Overlay is being done.
- Nighttime work will be done on Route N over I-70.
- Lincoln County bridge replacement work is being done.
- Bridge replacement in Warren County.

Legislative Update

State Representative Jeff Porter provided the following update:

- Motor fuel tax – This is a very good bill and will provide funds for Missouri's roads and bridges. 30% will go to counties and cities. It takes local control down to the individual. You will be able to keep your gas receipts if you want a refund.
- Wayfair Tax – This will tax online sales from out of state and allow brick and mortar stores to compete.
- HB 271 – Limits the ability of health authorities to close down public spaces to a period of 30 days unless approved by local elected bodies.

Guest Presenter

Brandon Alexander from the State Treasurer's office was the guest presenter for the meeting and provided information regarding stimulus funding in Missouri. Mr. Alexander shared that funding for communities with populations under 50,000 will come to the state first, and then be distributed. At this time, the state hasn't requested or received funds. The Office of

Administration would like more clarity on rules before requesting funds. The guidance has been ever evolving, and a new guidance document will be coming perhaps by the end of July.

Mr. Alexander told the membership that communities need to make sure they have an active vendor registration with the State of Missouri. They need to have a DUNS# and SAMS #. Communities can visit treasurer.mo.gov/COVID, as information about ARPA will be compiled on this website. The State will initially have a 30 day window to distribute funds. There will be an automatic 30 day renewal and then 2 subsequent renewals can be **requested** for a total of 120 days.

Answers to questions from the membership included the following:

- Regarding use of CARES Act funding – there is a Frequently Asked Questions on the State’s website.
- CARES Act funding can be used for some required matches.
- Counties and cities with populations over 50,000 will have to apply for ARPA funding themselves.
- When applying for ARPA funding, it is important to provide good narratives on why you did something.
- You can use March 3, 2021, as a starting point date if you have a project in mind (such as a wastewater project).

Mr. Alexander encouraged those present again to visit the State’s website and feel free to contact him with any questions about stimulus funding.

Work Program Updates

- Workforce Development – There are several upcoming job fairs including one in Montgomery City on July 20, Warrenton on July 22, and Troy on August 5. A couple of pre-apprenticeship programs are available through NECAC and LanDesign. The Job Center offers programs for adults, dislocated workers, and youth.
- Missouri River Country – BRPC operates the Missouri River Country regional initiative. It is a coalition of historic river towns along the Missouri River. In 2020 the area lost tourism jobs. A complete marketing plan is being developed and a grant from the Missouri Division of Tourism will help with the creation of a new website. In September, an 8 page newspaper spread will highlight the region and Missouri River Country will participate in the upcoming Gateway Outdoor Expo in St. Louis.
- Transportation – There are a couple of multimodal projects in the area that were awarded grants. The BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee will be meeting on August 26,
- Hazard Mitigation Plans – The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan for Warren County has been completed and sent to SEMA for review. Staff is now working on the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Infrastructure Mapping – BRPC is assisting the City of High Hill with mapping of infrastructure.
- Revolving Loan Fund – BRPC administers two revolving loan funds. One of the funds is part of the CARES Act and funding available for businesses must be obligated by June 2022..
- MO Rides Transportation Program – Kathy Bingham has been hired as the new Program Administrator for Mobility Management. She looks forward to meeting people in the region and sharing information about MO Rides.
- Solid Waste Management Program – Things are going well at the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. The new fence has improved the area and we are looking at the possibility of some one-day recycling events.

Membership Updates

- City of Truesdale – The building for the safe room is up. Work on Bruer Park is ongoing.
- City of Marthasville – The city received bids from 9 companies for its demolition project. The city is working with BRPC on a grant for a RV project.
- City of Warrenton – The city’s sidewalk project along Veterans Memorial out to Rural King which received MoDOT grant funds is scheduled to be done in the summer of 2022, and the sidewalks along Highway 47 by October 2022. A large interceptor sewer plant will double the city’s capacity. Two large housing developments will be coming.
- City of Wright City – The city is in a phase for redesign for a full interchange at Stracks Church Road. The city is waiting on the Corps of Engineers to start work on a 62 acre park. The Downtown Revitalization Committee is hosting events on the First Friday of the month to support the city’s downtown district.
- City of Winfield – The city is working on a water/sewer project, but the rain has been a hinderance. They are also looking at the possibility of rehabbing several historic buildings. The city will be hosting a 9/11 remembrance event in September. Proceeds from a 5K run will benefit veterans and first responders.

Adjournment

Dan Rowden made a motion to adjourn. David Lange seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Ryan Poston, BRPC Chairman