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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Jefferson County Administration Center, located at 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, Missouri

I. Call To Order

Council Chair Phil Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

Recited

Councilmember Perry walked in at 6:31 p.m. during the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

District 1 - Brian Haskins:	Present
District 2 - Renee Reuter:	Present
District 3 - Phil Hendrickson:	Present
District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Tracey Perry:	Present
District 6 - Dan Stallman:	Present
District 7 - Vicky James:	Absent

IV. Approval Of The Agenda

Councilmember Groeteke made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member James:	Absent

Motion carried.

V. County Business

- A. **ARPA Allocation** - County Executive Dennis Gannon spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act, (ARPA). He mentioned our objective of ARPA funds is that we are not telling anyone how to spend the money. It is up to each agency requesting funding to follow the guidelines. We are allocating money for others to use and are only the caretaker of these funds. County Executive Gannon said Governor Parson recently put together an ARPA tool kit for Missouri that will be linked to Jefferson County's Website, jeffcomo.org, and Jefferson County MO Facebook page. This toolkit will help individuals looking for assistance. Auditor Kristy Apprill passed out a handout and gave a slide presentation that showed available resources. ARPA applications will be submitted to the County Auditors Office. The target date to start taking applications is December 1, 2021. State Representative Buchheit-Courtway spoke regarding the Broadband issue and where the committee was with it. There were several questions and comments from the Council, with responses from County Auditor Kristy Apprill, County Administrator David Courtway, County Counselor Wes Yates, and County Executive Dennis Gannon.
- B. **Ballot Issue** - County Executive Gannon spoke regarding the dire needs of a new Courthouse and Jail and raising funds for it. County Auditor Kristy Apprill passed out an Election Timeline Overview flyer. County Executive Gannon went over where the County is at financially and would like to reengage with L.J. Hart and Council Chair Phil Hendrickson to put together a formal request for the Council. County Executive Gannon

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commented that the Courthouse and Jail are being held together by duct tape and putting this off will not make it any cheaper to build in the future. County Administrator Courtway mentioned interest rates are currently at an all-time low and may not be that way in the future. Questions and comments were made by the County Council, and responses from County Executive Gannon, County Administrator Courtway, and County Counselor Wes Yates were provided.

- C. **Wayfair Tax** - County Executive Dennis Gannon mentioned this is a use tax, not a sales tax. This tax will give the ability to collect tax on online sales. County Executive Gannon would like to have this issue put on the April 2022 ballot. Questions and comments were made by the County Council, and responses from County Executive Gannon, and County Administrator Courtway were provided.

County Council Members Brian Haskins and Tracey Reuter left the dais at 8:08 p.m. Councilman Haskins returned at 8:09 p.m. and Councilwomen Perry returned at 8:10 p.m.

- D. **Master Plan Discussion** – County Code Enforcement & Planning Director Eric Larson spoke on the Master Plan and gave a slide presentation highlighting the vendor he felt had the best presentation, resume, and pedigree, who is Houssel Labine. Houssel Labine created a website for another county which was a tremendous help with getting the community engaged. Director Larson walked through the website, showing all the benefits it has. Councilmember Reuter and Councilmember Groeteke both commented how impressed they are with the professionalism and transparency of the website. Questions and comments were made by the County Council, and responses from County Director Larson and County Administrator Courtway.

VI. Adjournment

Councilmember Groeteke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Perry.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member James:	Absent

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.