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Work Session
Jefferson County Administration Center, Hillsboro, MO
Assembly Room
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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, December 4, 2023, 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

County Council Chair Charles Groeteke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. ROLL CALL

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo:	Present
District 3 -	Vacant
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Present
District 7 - Council Member Tullock	Present

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Bob Tullock made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Dan Stallman.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo	Yes
District 3	Vacant
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried.

V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. Grants And The Application Process

Council Member Bob Tullock stated the reason he requested to have this topic on the agenda is to discuss how each department decides what grants to apply for. County Counselor Kuenzel stated she spoke with the Deputy of Administration, Mr. Courtway, about the grant and application process and Mr. Courtway mentioned the Public Works Department applies for a lot of grants. He also stated there is not just one person who writes the grant application, each department is responsible for drafting their own. Ms. Kuenzel said Mr. Courtway told her he can collect some information to give to the Council, to help them understand. Questions were made by the Councilmembers, with Ms. Kuenzel answering them.

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B. Permit Fee For Demolition Discussion

Council Member Gene F. Barbagallo spoke about a gentleman who had purchased property with an abandoned house on it, (with a defunct basement). When he went to get a permit to have the house demolished and hauled away and was told the permit was \$300. The man said he felt since he was cleaning up an eye sore in the County, if the County could cut him some slack, especially since the cost for the house to be demoed and hauled away was very expensive. Counselor Kuenzel suggested speaking with Code Enforcement Director Mitch Bair.

C. Rules Of Procedure Proposed Changes

Council Member Tullock provided copies of the proposed Rules of Procedure and read through each of the changes. He asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the proposed changes. A discussion ensued between the County Councilmembers with input on some of the changes from Counselor Kuenzel.

D. Importation Of Illegal Immigrants Into The Region.

Council Member Tullock proposed having a Resolution saying the Jefferson County Council supports Federal Laws, State Laws, and our County Ordinances. Mr. Tullock would like to send the Resolution to State Officials letting them know how the Jefferson County Council feels about it. Mr. Tullock stated there are 51,000 undocumented residents living in Missouri. He also said he has no problem with someone coming in the front door and coming in our Country legally, however he does not support someone coming in illegally.

E. Posting Of County Finances On The Jefferson County Website And Show-Me Checkbook Discussion.

Council Chair Groeteke mentioned for the last several years he has requested to have the County Finances posted on the State website, so the public can see our finances. Mr. Groeteke mentioned he has had discussions with the County Counselor and the County Auditor who indicated the State website is inadequate for what he wants, however the new CivicPlus program we are getting, might be able to do this. Counselor Kuenzel spoke about the Show-Me Checkbook and said the reason why so many Counties do not use it is because there is no easy way to put information on it, and we need to be careful to not put closed record information on it, such as payments for juveniles which can't be disclosed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Stallman.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo	Yes
District 3 -	Vacant
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Yes

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Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.