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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, March 7, 2022, 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 Vice Chair Phil Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. ROLL CALL

District 1 - Brian Haskins:

District 2 - Renee Reuter:

District 3 - Phil Hendrickson:

District 4 - Charles Groeteke:

District 5 - Tracey Perry:

District 6 - Dan Stallman:

District 7 - Vicky James:

Present

Present

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Perry made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member 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: Yes

Motion carried.

V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. New Crime Lab

Jefferson County Sheriff Dave Marshak thanked everyone for being at the Work Session. He spoke regarding the request submitted for ARPA funds, to be used for a new Crime Lab. Sheriff Marshak mentioned the challenges his department faces without having a Crime Lab in Jefferson County. Currently most of the evidence collected in Jefferson County is outsourced to the Missouri Highway Patrol Crime Lab. A problem with outsourcing evidence is having to compete with other Counties, and hundreds of Police Departments, who do not have a Crime Lab. The delay of receiving results in a timely manner can cause citizens to become victims twice. Currently the wait time in receiving outsourced evidence results, is eight to thirteen months. Sheriff Marshak presented drawings of the proposed Crime Lab and explained what each room was for and why it was needed.

Prosecuting Attorney Travis Partney spoke on the effects of not having a Crime Lab, has on the Prosecutor's Office. He mentioned currently Jefferson County has filed the same number of cases St Charles

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has with a Crime Lab. If Jefferson County had their own lab the number of cases processed daily would be a lot higher. Legally we are not allowed to go forward with a case without lab results.

There were questions asked by the Council Members and responses back from both Sheriff Marshak and Prosecuting Attorney Travis Partney.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:

District 2 - Council Member Reuter:

Ves

District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:

District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:

Ves

District 5 - Council Member Perry:

Ves

District 6 - Council Member Stallman:

Ves

District 7 - Council Member James:

Yes

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.