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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, August 7, 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- Brian Haskins:	Absent
District 2 – Gene Barbagallo	Present
District 3 – Shannon Otto:	Present
District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Scott Seek:	Present
District 6 - Dan Stallman:	Present
District 7 – Bob Tullock:	Present

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Bob Tullock made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Otto.

Vote:

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

Motion carried.

V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. Drug Enforcement In Jefferson County

Sheriff Marshak gave a presentation regarding drug issues in Jefferson County and an update on the Sheriff's Department.

B. EDC Overview

In attendance from the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was Executive Director Donna Litton and Ben Brown, the Director of Small Business Development. Ms. Litton spoke about what EDC does and the different departments EDC has. Mr. Brown gave a review of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and what they do.

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C. 2023 Proposed Stormwater Code Change

The Director of Public Works and the Manager of Stormwater Mike Cook went over the changes being proposed to the County Council and why they are asking for these amendments to the Code.

D. SB 190 Discussion

County Counselor Jasha Kuenzel explained that Senate Bill 190 would not touch someone's assessments, it would only touch tax credits on property bills. Ms. Kuenzel went over SB 190 and what it says. She pointed out that several sections of SB190 are not clear and need to be clarified. The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) has a task force who are working on how they can encourage the Legislature to change the Bill and what kind of guidance MAC can provide to the Counties.

E. Bed Tax Discussion

Councilman Scott Seek spoke regarding tourism and the grants they can receive due to the Tourism Commission being a Designated Management Organization, (DMO), for the County. Mr. Seek would like to bring in a sustainable revenue for tourism and for Jefferson County. One of the ways to bring in revenue is by implementing a tourism tax of 5%.

F. Equine In Parks Discussion

County Counselor Kuenzel provided a spreadsheet to each Council Member that showed three parks in Jefferson County, what it would cost in material to make them Equine Parks, and the pros and cons of each location.

G. Weed And Seed Initiative

County Counselor Kuenzel explained the Weed and Seed Program is a program where the Federal government seizes property because of criminal activity, such as it has a drug house on it. The seized property is then opened to non-profit or government agencies that want to use the property for a garden or something to help restore the neighborhood. They would have someone on the property 24/7 to help manage it, so it does not go back to being a drug house. The Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corp. (JFCAC) submitted a proposal to them regarding property on 5594 Redbird lane. If this is something that the Council would like to do the property will be deeded over to the County and then the County will deed it over to JFCAC.

H. Marijuana 3% Sales Tax Discussion

County Counselor Kuenzel provided several handouts to the Council regarding the marijuana sales tax and asked where the Council would like the taxes to go. There were discussions between the Council Members on where they felt would be the best for this money. Councilman Groeteke mentioned this would probably be on a ballot in April 2024.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Otto.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Otto:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
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Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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