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## **COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 19, 2019 - Region M Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 25, 2019 - Region M Executive Board Meeting  
June 26, 2019 - Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 13, 2019 - Duquesne E-Waste Collection and Document Destruction  
July 20, 2019 - Sarcoxie E-Waste Collection  
July 24, 2019 - HSTCC Executive Board Meeting and Officer Elections

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## HSTCC BOARD MEETING

State representatives Lane Roberts, Dirk Deaton, Ben Baker, Bob Bromley and John Briggs, along with Mo. Sen. Bill White, joined the May Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC) board meeting at the Joplin Public Library. More than 30 people were in attendance.

Much of the conversation focused on transportation issues and funding to repair and replace major bridges in Missouri. Other items included challenges the Census Bureau faces in 2020 in achieving a complete and accurate population count.

Bob Bromley encouraged citizens to check the Missouri Treasurer's website <https://treasurer.mo.gov/unclaimedproperty/> and see if there are unclaimed properties or dollars that may be reclaimed through an online process. The State Treasurer's office holds \$1 BILLION in unclaimed property. One in 10 Missourians has Unclaimed Property, and the average return is \$300.



New faces at the table included Mike Landis, the new Joplin field representative for U.S. Representative Billy Long. Mike can be reached at Long's office on 32nd St. Phone:(417) 781-1041.

The board approved the HSTCC 2019-2020 balanced budget of \$443,515.00, which represents anticipated revenues and expenditures from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

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The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), announced the Request for Applications to the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD). Communities are invited to submit applications to receive design support and technical assistance to host a local rural design workshop or participate in a learning cohort. More information and the application can be found at: <https://www.rural-design.org/apply>

**THE NEXT HSTCC BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24, 2 P.M. AT THE JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHEN NEW BOARD OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED.**



## JASPER COUNTY FLOOD BUYOUT

HSTCC has been selected by the County of Jasper to act as the grant administrators. The intent of the buyout is to purchase and remove eight flood-prone properties in the community of Kendricktown located just North of Carthage, Missouri. This project is in response to the constant hazard of seasonal flooding in the area, costing the small community hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. If left unresolved, future flooding events could pose an even more significant risk to public health and safety with further damages to property. Today, the residents participating in the buyout are waiting on offers for their property from SEMA which will be based off of the fair market value of pre-flood 2017 conditions.

### *Economic Indicators You Need to Know*

- The number of jobs in the state continues to rise
  - Missouri's economy added 11,800 jobs this month
- Unemployment remained steady at near-record lows
  - Missouri's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 3.3%
  - Out of the roughly 3 million individuals in Missouri's civilian labor force, 101,701 were unemployed in April
- Missouri sees over-the-year job gains across key industries
  - Professional, scientific, and technical services (+6,000 jobs, 3.7%)
  - Accommodation and food services (+7,300 jobs, 2.8%)
  - Manufacturing (+6,500 jobs, 2.4%)
  - Health care and social assistance (+9,900 jobs, 2.3%)

## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The HSTCC is in the middle of finalizing their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development and is the result of a regionally-owned planning process designed to guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of HSTCC's four-county area made up of Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald County. HSTCC has been working with stakeholders in the four-county region who consist of citizens, business owners, and executives, as well as government officials who have together laid the framework for the plan. The CEDS is expected to be complete by the end of July at which time the HSTCC board will approve it and it will be turned into DED where they will assess the document and give feedback.

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# HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

## ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION

SEMA's Mitigation Management Section works with local communities to reduce or avoid the adverse impacts that disasters have on Missourians. Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. This definition distinguishes actions that have a long-term impact from those that are more closely associated with immediate preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

Hazard mitigation is the only phase of emergency management specifically dedicated to breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Community mitigation projects range from voluntary flood buyouts to building community tornado safe rooms; replacing county- and community-owned culverts and low water crossings; stabilizing stream banks; and burying public electric utilities.



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# REGION M PLANNING



## Region M Waste Management District

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 19th at 10:30 at the Region M Offices. The Advisory Committee will review the responses from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding the grant projects that were submitted by the district for recycling and waste management efforts in Region M.

The Committee will also begin discussions on the grant application process for the next round.

#### *Region M Advisory Committee Members*

**Joe Hardin** – Region M Board • **Byron Wilcox** – Midwest Fiber Corp • **Jennifer Fagan** – Republic Services • **Tony Robyn** – HSTCC • **Jennifer Shotwell** – Area Agency on Aging Region X • **Mary Anne Phillips** – City of Joplin • **Luke Westerman** – Computer Recycling Services

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 10:30. The meeting will be hosted at a grantee facility – Lamar Enterprises, which is located at 1401 Maple Street in Lamar, MO. The Executive Board, Region M Staff and other interested parties will receive a tour of the sheltered workshop, with an emphasis on their recycling program. The Executive Board meeting will begin immediately following the tour. Agenda items will include the status of all open projects and the projects pending approval from MDNR. All Region M meetings are open to the public.

#### *Region M Executive Board Members*

**Joe Hardin**, Chairperson – Vernon County Presiding Commissioner • **John Bunch**, Vice-chairperson – McDonald County Commissioner • **Tom Short**, Treasurer – City of Carthage • **John Bartosh** – Jasper County Presiding Commissioner • **Alan Cook** – Newton County Commissioner • **Mike Davis** – Barton County Presiding Commissioner • **Keenan Cortez** – Joplin City Council • **Lewis Davis** – Mayor of Noel • **Ira Hawkins** – Mayor of Granby • **Russ Worsley** – City of Lamar • **Vacant** – representative for the cities of Vernon County

#### Upcoming Training Programs & Events

**6/18/2019** – Missouri Recycling Association Recycling Workshop in Kansas City – More info

**6/22/2019** – Stream Team Information Booth at Wildcat Glades – More info

**7/13/2019** – Duquesne E-Waste Collection and Document Destruction – More info

**7/14/2019–7/17/2019** – Missouri Waste Control Coalition Annual Conference in Lake of the Ozarks – More info

**7/24/2019** – Sarcoxie E-Waste Collection – More info

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# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting will be held on June 26 at 3 pm at the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond. All HSTCC communities are encouraged to attend. Topics discussed will include the list of the region's top needs, funding information, legislative updates, and information on proposed bike routes through the region.

### *Voting Members of the TAC*

**Janice & Dwayne Bearbower** - Anderson • **Mike Davis** - Barton County • **Tom Short**, Chair - Carthage • **John Bartosh** - Jasper County • **Russ Worsley** - Lamar • **John Bunch** - McDonald County • **Rachel Holcomb** - Neosho • **Jim Jackson**, Vice Chair - Newton County • **Lewis Davis** - Noel • **Gary Turner** - Sarcoxie • **Cyndy Hutchings** - Seneca



## US BIKE ROUTE 51

Work is continuing on the development of a bike route through our region from the Arkansas border to Carthage. The USBR 51 Project is looking to create a nationally-designated route for cyclists that stretches from Minnesota to Louisiana, traveling through the entire length of Missouri. US Bike Routes bring tourists from across the country into America's small towns, boosting their economies and spurring revitalization. Most routes under consideration will connect to the existing US Bike Route along Historic Route 66. For more information on the US Bicycle Route network, [click here](#).



## FAST ACT RESCISSION

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, a federal transportation aid program, is scheduled to rescind up to \$7.6 billion of unobligated funds in July 2020 unless it is repealed by Congress. It is estimated that Missouri will lose approximately **\$200 million** if the rescission is not repealed. [Click here for more information.](#)

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