

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

12TH Day of the October Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Garry Nelson, Associate Commissioners Karen Stuppy and Randy Ruzicka along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDING COMMISSIONER NELSON AT 8:00 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Estrella Carmona, Program Director for the University of MO Extension Council, contacted the Commission to make them aware of the fact that 'Extension Meeting' is scheduled for this Thursday (11/18) Evening. Commissioner Stuppy noted that she will attend the same.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, did not attend today's Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Nelson provided R&B Report accordingly. Following were the items provided:

\*List of Improvements for future 'Box Culvert' Installation(s) reviewed. Items reviewed as 'Noted Improvements' would be: a.) Position where electric wires potentially do not need to be 'taken down'; b.) Review 'Route' w/MoDOT to the extent that 'Route' is not changed on 'Date of Project'. Details of 'Route' need to be figured prior to 'job'; c.) Continue to have R&B Employees positioned @ 'Pivotal Points' on 'Transportation Route' to jobsite; d.) Monitor 'fill' used in effort to make sure it does not consist of too many 'fines'; d.) Delivery of 'Culverts' Must be Orchestrated in Effort to keep them on time; e.) 'Route Planning' ahead of time as well as 'Plans' determined for project. (Copy of 'Project List' located in Kocher Road Box Culvert 'File'.)

\*The Commission commended job performance completed on Kocher Road Box Culvert Project by the Road & Bridge Department.

\*Fuel Bid 'Award' for most recent fuel purchase needed by R&B Department provided to Heil Oil Company as they provided 'low bid'. Award based on following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.889/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.709/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.729/Gallon (Copy of said 'Bid Request(s)' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission met with Brad Arnold, Director of Ste. Genevieve Community Center, as well as Joann Luttrell, Payroll Specialist at the C.C. Questions relating to policy manual were reviewed with final determinations being made as it pertains to 'Full-Time' Employees and Benefits vs. 'Part-Time'. Specific noting was provided that 'Full-Time' Employment w/'Full-Time Benefits' for the 'County' constitutes a 40-Hour Work Week. (This had been noted in previous minutes as per meeting with the 'Personnel Committee' of the Ste. Genevieve Community Center Board.) The Commission also noted that the Commission would like to keep 'Open Line of Communication and prefers 'In Person' Communication.

Commissioner Ruzicka reported on 'Garage Door' @ Recycling Center. Garage Door needed to be replaced for 'Emergency Purposes'. In addition, item is below 'threshold', which does not require placing out for 'Bid'.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Commission; update was provided to note that '21' Families attended 'MARC' Meeting that was held in St. Mary to offer assistance as it pertains to recent tornado with (68) People among those Families. This was great benefit for 'Community'.

Ste. Genevieve County Health Department provided report for today's Commission Meeting. Following were the details reported:

- \*"0" New 'Suspect' Cases with a 'Current Total' of (12) Suspect Cases.
- \*"0" New Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- \*"7" New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- \*"9" Total 'Active' COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County currently.
- \*"2,350" Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County currently.
- \*"356" Total Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- \*"32" Total Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths (To Date) – Ste. Genevieve County.
- \*"3" Probable COVID-19 Deaths (To Date) – Ste. Genevieve County.
- \*"Initiated" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 49.5% (5+ Population).
- \*"Completed" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 46.0% (5+ Population).

Mrs. Mueller wanted to note that clinic will be held this Thursday and Friday between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. for 'Ages 5 through 11' for COVID-19 Vaccinations. Any questions should be directed to the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department.

Representatives from Public Water Supply District #1 to include Mr. Ben Weiler, Sally Barnett Bothmann w/Cochran Engineering, Board Member Kenny Wolk, and Board Member Wayne Hoog visited with the Commission to review ARPA Request for said 'District'. Representatives attending provided detailed explanation on how improvements for new 'Tank' along with necessary supply lines would benefit the entire 'County'. Commissioner Nelson questioned how said changes might benefit 'Emergency' Water Supply in the event they are necessary. Explanation was offered. Group is going to develop a more defined 'Proposal' and will be meeting with the Commission in the next several weeks to review the same.

Contact was made with Jeremy Tanz @ Southeast MO Regional Planning Commission; it was noted that Mr. Andrew Horrell will be 'Environmental Contact' for Holcim. Mr. Horrell is scheduled to attend 'Environmental Quality Meeting' @ SEMO RPC this Friday, 11/19/2021.

Accounts Payable for Date 11/15/2021 for a "Total" of \$105,795.06 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Mr. Alan Wells, "911 Director for Ste. Genevieve/St. Francois Joint Communications Center" appeared before the Commission to provide update as it pertains to '911 Center'. Following were the details provided:

\*Mr. Wells anticipates that there will be increase for "911" Services next year; it is anticipated that 'increase' will be approximately 10%. Said increase necessary for increased expenses. (Mr. Wells noted that he will be meeting with the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' as well as the 'Ambulance District'.

\*The 'Joint Agreement' between Ste. Genevieve County and "911" has been in effect for (11) years. Commissioner Nelson noted that Ste. Genevieve County would not be able to sustain a '911' Operation at the operational level that currently exists.

\*Mr. Wells noted that the '911' Department continues to experience increasing 'work load'. It was noted that Ste. Genevieve County has a very 'Active' Sheriff's Department.

\*'911' Services continue to be upgraded to include the 'fire districts'. Improvement to also include law as well as health side of the equation.

\*Mr. Wells noted that '911' has added HAM (Amateur Radio Operators) Radio Equipment.

\*'911' Center has fully operational 'Command Bus'; said 'unit' was utilized during most recent tornado in St. Mary.

\*Mr. Wells noted that there is currently a 'Study' being conducted as it pertains to the '911' Center o review 'Communications Infrastructure' and 'Network'. Town Hall Meetings are being conducted to review findings. Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Ste. Genevieve County is scheduled for Wednesday, 11/17/2021 @ 10:00 A.M. to be held at the Ste. Genevieve City Fire Department. The 'primary' safety concerns for '911' are: Lives, Property, & First Responders. It was noted that the 'County' will receive reporting detail upon conclusion of 'Study Results'.

\*Mr. Wells noted that all '911' Towers have been inspected that are located in Ste. Genevieve County; Tower @ "911" needs to be evaluated/addressed. Preliminary findings indicate that replacement may be in order.

Mr. Wells also noted to the Commission that they currently have 'State Branch of Governance'; Missouri has a 'Board'; it is considered a 'full-fledged' Branch of Government. Mr. Alan Wells is currently 'Chairman'. Said 'Board' has rule making authority. For cost saving reasons; consolidation of 'institutions' is encouraged.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:50 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 9/18/2021.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER