

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

22ND 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, DECEMBER 20, 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.

Mr. David Bova, Ste. Genevieve RII School Board President, appeared before the Commission in an effort to explain upcoming 'Bond Issue' that will be placed on the 'Ballot' for upcoming April 5, 2022 Election. There are multiple items to be addressed and have been under review for several years. A 'Facilities' Task Force/Committee was established to address these numerous issues to include items such as 'ADA Standards within the District', 'Safety Measures', 'Early Childhood Center', etc. Mr. Bova simply provided 'clarification' and noted that an informational campaign will ensue.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, provided report for today's Commissioner's Meeting. The following items were reported:

- *The R&B Department is currently 'Grading' and performing 'General Maintenance'.
- *Additional review of roads to be performed that need to be updated/improved in upcoming year.
- *Car damaged by R&B 'Truck' reviewed. Body Shop contacted where car was taken; Review from the Commissioners completed so 'repairs' could be made with payment to be sent directly to 'Auto Body Repair Shop' upon proof of repairs being made.

Estrella Carmona appeared before the Commission as it pertains to the Fair Board. The following items of interest were discussed:

- *Involvement of the 'Extension' reviewed/explained.
- *Plans are proceeding for next year's Fair.

Letters received from numerous parties requesting to serve on the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Appoint' the following persons to a three-year term with 'Term' beginning immediately and expiring as of 12/31/2024: Estrella Carmona, Martha Resinger, and David Bova. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Appointment 'Request' Letters as well as 'Appointment' Letters attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Upon review of letters received from parties interested in serving on the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board, Commissioner Stuppy made a motion to 'Approve' the following persons to a two-year term with 'Term' beginning immediately and expiring as of 12/31/2023: Jodi Ralston, Sam Fischer, and DeAnna Cartee. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Appointment 'Request' Letters as well as 'Appointment' Letters attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Offering further review to letters received from parties interested in serving on the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board, Commissioner Stuppy made a motion to 'Approve' the following persons to a one-year term with 'Term' beginning immediately and expiring as of 12/31/2022: Barb Schilli, Jean Werner, and Felix Meyer. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Appointment 'Request' Letters as well as 'Appointment' Letters attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Update provided from Grayco Roofing as it pertains to the Community Center 'Roof' as has been reported on previously. Drawings will be submitted for review of the 'County' after the 1st of the year. Upon additional information being sent; additional review will be provided with decisions being made as to proceeding on said project. Mr. Chris Demien w/Grayco Roofing wanted it noted that the 'roofing industry' is currently experiencing 'quarterly evaluations' due to the 'volatile market' that currently exists. The 'ultimate goal' upon receipt of final drawings is to hold 'Pre-Bid' Meeting, 'Pre-Construction' Meeting, and then place 'project' out for 'Bid'. It should also be noted that interested contractors will have to be 'present' to avoid any potential questions/misunderstandings surrounding expectations for project.

Review completed regarding ARPA Funding Request as presented by Ste. Genevieve Public Water Supply District #1. Request notes that they are asking for funding to replace the water mains as follows: South District Area, including Breeze Hill Tower to Well #6 and Well #9 to Zell Road. Comparison was identified to compare offering the "community water service through a straw" in its present state. Presently, the 'District' has secured funding for proposed Breeze Hill Storage Tank at an estimated cost of \$1,420,000. Without assistance, future progress could potentially be halted for somewhere in the vicinity of 7-10 years.

After close review of presented proposal; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Proceed' with forwarding the PWSD#1 ARPA Funding Request for review by legal counsel. Please reference the details as noted above. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of noted application can be located in County Clerk's Office – ARPA Funding Requests.)

The Commission provided additional review to 'Levee Tax Bill' as it pertains to 'Taxes Owed' by the 'County' to Levee District 2. The Commission noted that it is 'frustrating' that the 'County' has had to invest a substantial amount of funding for said area protected by a levee; they then have to pay taxes on the same. The 'County' could not proceed without posing several

questions due to the fact that all moneys expended are 'Taxpayer Dollars' and need to be questioned.

The Commission reviewed Quotation from McCann Concrete Products as it pertains to 'Box Culverts' for Cave Road. Upon close review of the 'Quotation' as presented by Bobby Wooten w/McCann Concrete Products; Commissioner Stuppy made a motion to 'Proceed' with Quotation as presented from McCann Concrete Products with a 'Total Cost' of \$100,720 for a 'Total' of (3) Box Culverts. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Contact was made with Mr. Wooten in an effort to project to proceed. (Copy of signed Quotation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Review of Improvement to '911' Building completed. Progress is going well.

Commission reviewed 'County Government Prepaid Legal Services Program Agreement' for '2022 as presented by the Schraeder Law Firm with Mr. Ivan Schraeder as legal counsel for 'County of Ste. Genevieve'. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Continue' with the 'County Government Prepaid Legal Services Program' as presented at a 'cost' of \$1,200 annually. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Renewal' of Prepaid Legal Services 'Agreement' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Chairman for Senate Bill 40, Jason Schott, forwarded reappointment letters to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission requesting reappointment(s) for the following (3) Board Members who wish to continue their service on said Board. Members requesting reappointment are as follows: Charles 'Chip' Marzucio, Matt Oliver, and Linda Wagner. After close review of 'Reappointment Letters' received, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' reappointment of ALL (3) Members in question as presented. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Reappointment Letters' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

- *"0" New 'Suspect' Cases with a 'Current Total' of (21) 'Total' Suspect Cases.
- *"1" New Probable COVID-19 Case for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- *"7" New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- *"41" Total 'Active' COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County currently.
- *"2,610" 'Total' Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- *"368" 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- 50.9% (5 yrs. "+" Population).

*"Completed" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 47.3% ("5" + Population).

Accounts Payable for Date 12/23/2021 for a 'Total' of \$39,999.18 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Mr. Jack Garvey with the firm of Carey Danis & Lowe contacted the Commission surrounding 'Participation Forms' that needed to be reviewed/signed. Upon detailed explanation from Mr. Garvey, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Sign/Proceed' with Participation Agreements as presented by Mr. Garvey. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Detailed explanation cannot be provided as information noted relates to on-going litigation matter.)

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:35 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/28/2021.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER