

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021**

21<sup>ST</sup> 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 16, 2021 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

The Commission reviewed next year's 'Budget' in an effort to determine 'salaries'. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' 'COLA-Cost of Living Increase' @ 5%. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the Motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Supervisor, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

\*Mr. Schmieder provided the 'Fuel Tickets' from most recent fuel purchase for R&B from Heil Oil Company. (Copies of 'Fuel Tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that several 'R&B' Workers had to be called in over the weekend as 'Heavy Rains' left debris on area bridges that required removal.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that the R&B Department cutting 'overgrown limbs' on area roads with Becker Road being most recent 'road' handled.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, inspected '911' Building as 'updates' are being made to said building. Mr. Meyer reported that all 'updates' are going well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 8:25 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(3) – Hiring, Firing, ...(Personnel). Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' Closed Session at 8:50 A.M. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Review of Ozora TIF Meeting summarized with said 'Board' having met on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Following were the items noted:

\*As previously noted, the Ste. Genevieve County Commission has been in receipt of complaints from local residents in the area of 'Ozora Truck Stop' and surrounding compound.

\*Mr. Randy Crawford, owner, to obtain estimates for Demo of several structures in an effort to improve surrounding area. (Ozora TIF Board noted that this is being requested by their Board as well as 'area' residents.)

\*Commissioner Nelson noted that he will follow up on the progress of this matter in approximately (1) Month. As additional information is received; said detail will be provided.

Sue Wolk, County Clerk, appeared before the Ste. Genevieve County Commission in an effort to review most recent 'determinations' from Midwest Public Risk as it pertains to 'property insurance' on Ste. Genevieve County Owned Buildings/Property/Contents. With inflation costs, the insurance is suggesting that 'increases' be made to insure that 'County Owned' Property/Structures/Contents are appropriately covered in an effort to protect 'County' interests. Several questions were posed; Mrs. Wolk will obtain the appropriate responses prior to final decisions being made with primary question surrounded 'appropriate coverage' on River Rapids Water Park.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission to provide Purchase Requisition No. 21-0045 Dated 12/20/2021 for 'Equipment and Installation' of (1) Popcorn Hood – stainless, (1) EF-1 Upblast Exhaust Fan w/Roof Curb, and (1) EF-2 Upblast Exhaust Fan w/Roof Curb as well as installation. Purchase Requisition through vendor, Crystal Heating & Cooling for a "Total Cost" of \$29,539.00 with Commissioner Ruzicka signing for the same. Sheriff Stolzer noted that this was covered in his 'Budget'. (Copy of said Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Bobby Wooten w/McCann Concrete Products appeared before the Commission to provide update as it pertains to Cave Road 'Box Culverts'. Mr. Wooten reviewed the most recent 'Quotations' for the first (2) Culverts that are anticipated to be replaced. Quotes were offered with (2) separate options. Upon close review of said 'Quotation(s)'; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' Option No. 1 Proposed Quote for BOTH Culverts that are scheduled to be installed first. Together the Commission decided to proceed with "Quote No. 1", which represents (3) of 20'6" Span x 4'-8" Rise with delivery in (3) Sections. Quoted pricing for said type structures would be at a rate of \$30,880.00 Each. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Mike Lodewegen, Senior Manager – Government Affairs w/Charter Communications, contacted the Commission as their 'construction team' is in our area. He wanted to find out what necessary detail was needed regarding 'Permitting'. Commissioner Nelson advised that they would need to follow the requirements as set forth in the 'Road Policy Manual' for Ste. Genevieve County. In addition, it was noted that 'construction team' should be in touch with Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, to advise him of what roads they are working at along with 'where'. Cables/Wiring, etc. need to be appropriately 'buried'.

Commissioner Nelson contacted Margaret Yates with SEMO Regional Planning Commission as it pertains to CDBG Grant potential for possible future paving of McDaniel Road. (It was noted that there is business that would lead to future economic growth on the same.) Mrs. Yates noted that she would do additional investigation; however, based on the details presented; it would not appear that this would qualify for the same.

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.
- \*"0" New Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- \*"20" New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- \*"30" Total 'Active' COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County currently.
- \*"2,594" 'Total' Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- \*"364" Total Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- \*"32" Total Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths (To Date).
- \*"3" Probable COVID-19 Deaths (To Date) – Ste. Genevieve County.
- \*"Initiated" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 50.8% (5 yrs. "+" Population).
- \*"Completed" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 47.2% ("5" + Population).

Mrs. Carolyn Bach, Ste. Genevieve Art Guild Director, appeared before the Commission to provide updated detail surrounding upcoming Educational Opportunities at the Art Center/Art Museum. She also wanted to advise the Commission that 'Grant Money' appropriated for 'Art & Education'. (Copy of said 'Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 12/20/2021 for a 'Total' of \$301,498.36 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

The Commission convened at 12:00 P.M. to reconvene at 1:00 P.M.

Upon reconvening Commission Meeting promptly @ 1:00 P.M., the Commission met with Bill Robison as well as Jeremy Manning with Smith & Company Engineers. The Commission along with Tom Keim and Brad Arnold from IDC Board were present as well to review possibility of ARPA Funding for 'road expansion project'. Preliminary details presented; however, the IDC Board will complete a detailed plan for potential funding and will meet with the Commission regarding the same. As additional details are reviewed; additional information to be provided.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 2:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/22/2021.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER