

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

7TH Day of the January 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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 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.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 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. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were items reported:

- *'Boom Mower' being inspected for possible necessary repairs.
- *Parts for Truck No. 7 received.
- *Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Tar Pot' needs necessary repairs; Mr. Schmieder noted that said equipment to be delivered to G.W. Van Keppel Company.
- *Blades delivered.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that he is to meet with Jake Butler w/MoDOT to inspect intersection @ Roth Cemetery Road as well as Coffman Road. Mr. Schmieder to provide 'detailed report' at next Commission Meeting.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Rock' placing on roads.
- *Supply of 'Chips' obtained by R&B Department.
- *Charter Church Road – Trees were 'marked' by R&B Department; Property Owner contacted so that he can inspect the same.
- *On-going 'issues' with 'Skid Steer' reviewed. Letter to be forwarded to Fabick Equipment Company, Inc. as well as Caterpillar, Inc. As additional details are discovered; said detail will be reported.

Mr. Schmieder provided "Year-End" Report for '2021. Following were specific items noted:

- *Maintenance Rock obtained in '2021 – 24,203 Ton.
- *Base Rock – 19,019 Ton.
- *Chips (Supply included what was needed for snow/ice) – 2,581 Ton.
- *Fuel Sprayed (Quantity reported used for 'Patching Roads' & 'Pothole Repairs') – 55,618 Gallons.

*Asphalt – (Quantity ordered by R&D; does not include ‘Contracted Asphalt Ordered/Provided) – 1,139 Ton.

*‘Road Signs’ Stolen – 225. The Commission noted that this ‘issue’ is huge problem that can potentially lead to ‘Delays’ in ‘Emergency Response’ when signs are not present, and emergency responders have ‘issues’ responding to a ‘call’. In addition, accidents, have been reported as a result of the same. Prosecution of offenders possible when reporting lends way to said offenders.

Commissioner Nelson reported that he and Mr. Schmieder inspected Fairgrounds; it was discovered that (2) zero-turn mowers appear to be in need of repairs. Along with weed eater. Said items of equipment to be ‘hauled’ to R&B Maintenance Shed for inspection/necessary repairs. It was noted how helpful ‘R&B’ Department has been on ‘special projects’.

The Commission contacted Cindy Wells with ‘Missouri Association of Counties’ due to ‘increase’ in dues for this year. It was ‘advised’ that ‘increase’ resulted from ‘Assessed Valuation’.

Basler Extension Discussed – No changes at this time.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from “4-County SET Meeting’ that was attended on 1/14/2022. Following were items of interest covered:

*Iron County – Report provided on ‘Bike Park’. They are planning on entering into Phase II of project, which will lead to a more family friendly environment.

*Fredericktown – New Justice Center underway; they also reported on underground mining underway in their community. It was noted that they have supply of ‘Cobalt’, which is used in ‘Batteries’. It is anticipated that this will lead to hiring of approximately 100 employees with ‘future growth’ anticipated.

*St. Francois County – Currently, repairs to jail roof underway; they are investigating potential to implement a satellite station in ‘northern’ part of their County. St. Francois County also noted that they are investigating possibility of ‘Certified Sites w/State’, which would equate to much greater exposure for economic development. This will lead to process to be followed with ‘Statewide Committee’.

*It was noted that Ste. Genevieve County will host the next ‘4-SET Meeting’ on April 8, 2022.

The Commissioners will be attending CCAM (County Commissioners Association of Missouri) Training on February 9, 10, and 11.

The Commission reached out to vendor that they had previously talked to surrounding ‘charging stations’; the ‘County’ is still investigating the possibility of researching for ‘Grant possibilities’ for potential funding. The ‘County’ will provide additional detail as it becomes available; it was mentioned that there could be ‘possible’ grant funding through the DNR.

Happy Welch, City Administrator, along with Mr. Jeff Wix, Tourism Director, appeared before the Commission to provide update surrounding 'Bicycle' Race that is scheduled to begin in Ste. Genevieve on Saturday, April 9th, 2022. Race is scheduled to begin @ 8:00 A.M.

Conversation continued regarding 'Electric Charging Stations' and what a benefit this would be to the community as well as the benefit it would have for 'tourism industry' in our community.

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

- **6** New Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- **42** New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.
- **3,125** 'Total' Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- **408** Total Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).
- **33** 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 – 52.2% (5 yrs. "+" Population).
- **Completed** Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 48.6%. ("5" + Population).

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:05 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) along with RSMo 610.021(3) – as it pertains to "Contracts" along with "Personnel". Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Exit' Closed Session at 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented proposed changes regarding insurance coverage 'changes/corrections' as they pertain to the 'River Rapids Water Park'. The Commission reviewed and were in agreement surrounding proposed changes as suggested by Midwest Public Risk Insurance.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, reviewed the 'Community Center Operating Fund' Budget along with their 'Sales Tax Fund' Budget. Revisions had to be made surrounding amendment of Sales Tax Figures. Upon all necessary updates being completed, Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' the 'Community Center Operating Fund' Budget along with 'Sales Tax Fund' Budget with applicable corrections made. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Circuit Clerk, Julie Bova, appeared before the Commission to present request for 'Conference Table' needed in 'Juror Room'. Upon review of details provided (proposed table through Missouri Vocational Enterprises); Commissioner Stuppy made a motion to 'Approve' purchase of noted table at a cost of \$455. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 1/24/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER