

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

Regular 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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 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.

Ms. Estrella Carmona, County Engagement Specialist with the University of MO Extension Council, was present at today's meeting. It was noted that the 'County Commission' is in the process of reorganizing the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board with a newly appointed 'Board' to be established. The 'Reorganizational' Meeting should have appointments made for 'Officer Positions' at the same. In addition, it was noted that the 'County' will proceed with 'Development of Agreement' between the 'County' and 'Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board' as has been discussed. Agreement will be set up according to 'Statutes' with the designated appointments for 3-Year Terms, 2-Year Terms, as well as 1-Year Term as has been previously noted. As previously noted, the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board falls under the 'Umbrella' of the 'County'.

Reorganizational Meeting of Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board to be held @ 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

The Commission wanted it noted that they were so appreciative of the additional assistance provided by the 'Road & Bridge' Department on New Year's Eve @ the Fairgrounds. Additional work days will be necessary at the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Mike Lodewegen, Senior Manager-Government Affairs, with Charter Communications forwarded 'Right of Way' Permit Application as their 'construction team' is beginning work in Ste. Genevieve County for installation of fiber optic cable network. Request was made to perform work on the following roads: Jones Road, Carron Road, and Misplay Road.

Upon close review of request presented; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' Right of Way Permit Application for construction crew of Charter Communications to proceed with work. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Right of Way' Application as noted attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Scott Schmieder, Road & Bridge Foreman, presented report for today's Commission Meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Mr. Schmieder checked 'roads' after inclement weather over the weekend. Roads were inspected @ 3:00 A.M.; roads were reported to be in good condition.

*R&B Department performing work on Pleasant Hill Road.

*Discussion ensued surrounding how the 'R&B' Department to proceed regarding 'Skid Steer'. The R&B Department reported that since purchase of said equipment; there have been (9) Different DEF Headers provided. Commissioner Nelson contacted Fabick Equipment; spoke with 'Service Department' who referred this to sales person for our 'Territory'.

*Interview completed for potential R&B Employee for 'position' that was open.

Review of 'Application' was completed. Upon completion of interview process; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' party being hired with a 'Start Date' of 1/18/2022. (Information 'securely' retained for legal purposes.) Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Nelson spoke to Margaret Yates @ SEMO RPC; Commissioner Nelson to meet with representatives from Regional Planning Commission regarding 'Grants'. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

Citizens Electric Corporation contacted the Ste. Genevieve County Commission as it relates to 'low-water' crossings. Incident occurred with a 'Citizens Truck' in another 'County' that generated concern. The Commission contacted Mr. Curt Iffert, Vice President of Operations, and noted that Ste. Genevieve County has a 'Replacement Program' established for low-water crossings in our 'County'. As the 'Budget' allows; said 'crossings' are being replaced with updated 'Bridges/Box Culverts'. It was noted that most recently; issue was identified/addressed/handled on Kocher Road. The Commission is addressing (3) such situations for '2022. Mr. Iffert noted that he is pleased that the 'County' is being proactive in addressing these issues/problems. (Memo received from Citizens Electric attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

*"2" New 'Suspect' Cases with a 'Current Total' of (23) 'Total' Suspect Cases.

*"2" New Probable COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.

*"36" New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County as of this Date.

*"2,733" 'Total' Confirmed COVID-19 Cases for Ste. Genevieve County (To Date).

*"372" 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 – 51.5% (5 yrs. "+" Population).

*"Completed" Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County – 48.0% ("5" + Population).

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 1/6/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER