

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

17TH 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, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BAHR TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

MINUTES FROM 'SPECIAL' PRE-BID MEETING FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST REVIEWED/APPROVED. SAID MEETING WAS ADMINSTRATED BY CHRIS DEMIEN WITH GRAYCO ROOF CONSULTANTS. 'BID OPENING' SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2022.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 Commission contacted Mr. Chris Crocker w/MoDOT regarding 'Budget' – they are needing 'load ratings' and have requested the 'Shop Drawings' for Kocher Road Box Culvert as well as 'Gillespie Road' Box Culvert.

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

- *Tar-Pot currently @ Van Keppel; cost for the necessary repairs appear to be \$7,995.00.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that he is preparing for inclement weather.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 're-ditching' to be done on Jackson School Road; Local resident had called regarding the same.
- *Mr. Schmieder to meet local resident regarding 'Driveway Pipe Placement' on Hager Road. Issues surface any time there are heavy rains.
- *Heavy rain earlier this week resulted in necessary repairs on Boyd Road as well as several roads in norther part of the 'County'.
- *Mr. Schmieder presented Purchase Order No. 0005 Dated 3/10/2022 for "Grader Tires" through vendor, Mueller Tire Service, (Total Number of tires needed – 7 allowing for (1) 'Spare'). Commissioner Stuppy signed for the same. Total Cost for said 'Purchase Order' is \$11,437.65. (Copy of said Purchase Order attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission discussed 'trees' that need to be removed at Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds. The 'County' has had difficulty in the past finding contractor to inquire about these jobs. Commissioner Nelson was going to 'reach out' to potential parties in an effort to accomplish this task.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from the Ste. Genevieve County Community Services Forum Meeting with the following items of interest being reported:

- *Oktoberfest 'Donation' approved.

- *Commissioner Nelson had served as 'Treasurer' for Community Services Forum; Ms. Jodi Ralston greatly accepted said position.

- *Mr. Eric Basler, County Coroner, was 'Guest Speaker' and provided report on the 'number' of Opioid & Alcohol Related Deaths since '2018.

- *Drug 'Take Back' Event to be hosted on 4/30/2022.

- *Ms. Bailey Otto attended said meeting with the Ste. Genevieve RII School District and provided explanation surrounding the "PROP SG" Bond Issue that said school district is placing on 'Ballot' in April '2022 Election.

- *Hank Voelker – representing SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) – provided information report on 'Cyber Security' and the importance of the same, especially now with world crisis issues transpiring.

- *Brad Arnold – Ste. Genevieve Community Center Director – advised that they are in need of 'Employees'.

- *University of MO Extension – provided report on upcoming Ste. Genevieve County Fair.

- *Laura Fowler – representing SGCMH – provided update surrounding protocol as it pertains to the monitoring of 'Prescription Opioids'.

- *Steve Bleckler w/St. Vincent de Paul Society noted that their organization in the process of offering a scholarship to both a Ste. Genevieve High School Senior as well as a Valle Catholic High School Senior.

- *There was discussion as well surrounding 'Backpacks for the Homeless' Program that is currently available in our community.

- *Robin Reynolds provided report for 'Young Mothers Support Group'. Also, the "Life Center" is hosting 'Easter Egg Hunt' for persons with Disabilities on April 9th, 2022.

- *Stacy Koeller w/Ste. Genevieve County Friends Foundation, advised that they will be hosting 'Taste of Ste. Genevieve' Event at the Community Center on 4/9/2022.

- *Dani Vaeth w/the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department provided report on their behalf.

- *Mr. Bill Kraemer w/Ste. Genevieve County Mental Health Board – provided report.

- *Mr. Jeff Wix – Ste. Genevieve County Tourism Director – provided report and noted that a 'Marketing Seminar' to be offered on 3/30/2022.

Mrs. Jennifer Mueller, Ste. Genevieve County Health Department Director, appeared before the Commission and reported the following:

- *COVID Numbers are 'down'.

- *The Commission reviewed 'sewage' issues that have been reported to them by residents on Tri-Acre Lane in the 'Zell' Area. It was noted that Mr. Bob Kluender w/Health

Department obtained 'soil samples' at said location where construction was being considered; as additional information becomes available; said detail will be presented.

Representatives w/Lake Forest Clean Water District, appeared before the Commission (Mr. Mark Basler & Mr. Bruce Giesler). They are requesting additional funding as a result of 'increased costs' for project that 'District' was formed for in an effort to remediate and reconstruct the 'Lake Forest' Estates Subdivision's wastewater collection and treatment system. The Commission advised said representatives that they would take request under advisement; however, review and 'later' determination would have to be made. Review was completed with the Commission regarding new requirements/changes noted by the USDA as well as the DNR. Additional information will be noted as it is made available.

Mr. Vern Bauman along with Mr. Tom Okenfuss, representatives from Ste. Genevieve Levee District #3 appeared before the Commission to explain 'improvements' that are needed at said 'levee'. Necessary project would require 'concrete' and would lead to approximate cost of \$150,000 - \$200,000 'currently'. Due to the fact that said 'levee' lies within the 'City'; the Commission suggested that 'Levee District' reach out to the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' for any possible funds that might be available. As 'City' residents are also, of course, 'County' Residents; the Commission advised that if anything was not decided or still needed; follow up with the Commission would be suggested. The 'County' has been made aware of 'Infrastructure' Funding that should be available potentially this summer. There is a possibility that with additional information; said project may qualify.

Mr. Jeff Wix, Ste. Genevieve Tourism Director, appeared before the Commission and provided reporting on the following:

*Gravel Bike Race scheduled for 4/9/2022; it is anticipated that there will be close to '300' Participants.

*Mr. Wix presented request for 'Additional Funding' from the 'County' for the purpose of assisting with a 'new' cooperative tourism marketing effort. This 'additional funding' includes the tourism department, individuals, local businesses, organizations, and media partners who are interested in a collective effort towards growing tourism in Ste. Genevieve. The 'Commission' advised Mr. Wix that they would have to collectively review details presented with a determination to be made at a later date. (Copy of said 'Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Question was posed to 'Commission' surrounding 'mileage' by 'County Employee'. Explanation was provided noting that the 'County' offers several vehicles to 'All' County Employees when traveling is work related. This is noted on Page 23 of the 'Employee Policy Manual'.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:30 A.M. re: RSMO 610.021(3) – as it relates to 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 'portion' of Meeting @ 12:05 P.M. re: RSMo 610.021(3) – relating to Personnel. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the Motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/10/2022 in the amount of \$139,941.66 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Claudia Stuppy, County Collector, presented form to 'Waive Interest & Penalties' in the amount of \$74.75 to the Commission. Upon review of the same; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' appropriate waiver. Commissioner Nelson seconded the Motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Nelson yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Waiver' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:30 P.M. Commissioner Nelson seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 3/14/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER