

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

19TH 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, MARCH 14, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH A MINOR CORRECTION. 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 the details reported:

*Mr. Schmieder presented 'Fuel Tickets' for most recent fuel purchase. (Copy of said 'Fuel Tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he is cutting trees on 'Charter Church Road'.

*Preliminary figures that Mr. Schmieder has checked on indicate that oil prices have increased by an amount of \$2.80 per 'Gallon'. It was noted that the increase in fuel prices are going to adversely affect the 'Budget' that was set in place for '2022 for 'Paving Projects'.

*Discussion ensued surrounding possible 'suspension' of 'fuel tax'; this would also affect CART (County Aid Road Trust) Funding to the County.

*Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Ditch' that was reported to be filling with water during periods of heavy rains has been 'cleaned out'. Mr. Schmieder noted that additional work needs to be completed in this area. Work will be completed as soon as R&B Department can get to the same.

*R&B Department needs to make repairs to roads after severity of this winter; however, R&B Department is waiting on 'Asphalt' so they can proceed.

*Colony Church Road – Commissioner Nelson to do additional review surrounding this road on Friday, As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he will be 'removing necessary debris' from Franklin Bridge so that proper inspection can be done. He will be in contact with Mr. Ethan Pinkley at MoDOT.

*Mr. Schmieder has been provided 'Estimate' for cost of necessary repairs to 'Boom' Mower for an amount of \$5,600 w/pricing coming from 'manufacturer'. Mr. Schmieder is going to obtain additional 'estimate' from another source.

*Estimate of necessary repairs for improvements to Boyd Road if said road was to qualify for 'Paving' as was requested by local business owner with property location in said area was received. The 'Scope of Work' would require the following:

*Raise Roadway 5 ft. over/compact/place rip-rap on creek side of roadway/Place Type 5 Base Rock and Compact/then 'pave'. The 'Total Cost' for project to be done correctly is an amount of \$3,474,131.00; All Commissioners agreed that this amount would be financially

unfeasible. The 'County' cannot justify said project with the belief that this would not be in the best interest of ALL CONSTITUENTS of the 'County'. (Copy of 'Estimate' Prepared attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Burks School Road – 'Locates' have been completed on said road for 'road maintenance' to proceed as planned.

The Commission reviewed 'Community Center Roof'; the 'County' has been working on this project for (1) year. No 'Final' Assessment has been provided regarding this project as Chris Demien w/Grayco Consulting is reviewing all submitted bids. Each item must be reviewed on the 'Bids' that were submitted prior to 'Final Figures' being released. The following items of interest were noted:

*It will take time for materials.

*It is anticipated that 'Start Date' will be August '2022.

*It must be noted that 'Engineering Study' was necessary due to the fact that roof had not been installed properly from the 'beginning'.

Final review was completed surrounding 'Sole Source Contract' between the 'County' and Basler Funeral Home as it relates pursuant to Section 432.070 RSMo with the agreement noting 'services' that the 'County Coroner' carries out surrounding the statutory duties of the 'County Coroner'. After careful review of the same; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' referenced 'Sole Source Contract' between the 'County of Ste. Genevieve' and 'Basler Funeral Home' as presented/suggested by legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Contract' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Issue that has been brought to the attention of the Commission surrounding 'sewage' issues at Tri-Acre Lane was reviewed. The Commission has been in contact with Bob Kluender, Health Inspector with the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department. He noted that he is awaiting results as it pertains to 'soil test'. Commissioner Stuppy noted that the 'County' will do their 'due diligence' to protect 'Public Health'.

Department of Natural Resources requested additional information from the 'County' regarding 'Lake 7 Falls'. Information was forwarded to Mr. Michael Wyatt w/DNR as requested.

Mr. Brian Wehner, President of Ste. Gen 'Gearheadz' Car Club notified the Commission that they would be using 'area' surrounding the Courthouse for upcoming car shows that are scheduled for 5/21; 6/18; 7/16; 8/20; and 9/17.

Property Owner that owns land on Coffman Road contacted the Commission to see when the 'County' might pave Coffman Road. He noted that he had spoke with the Commission several years ago and was advised that road would be paved at that time. Commissioner Nelson advised that 'Budget' did not allow for paving of said road last year but assured 'said' property owner that this is on the 'Agenda' for paving projects this year.

The Commission reviewed 'Bid' from Todd Faulkner Tree Service as it pertains to 'tree removal' at the Ste. Genevieve Fairgrounds. Upon review of the same; Commissioner Stuppy made a motion to 'Approve' proposed 'Bid' from Mr. Faulkner for a Cost of \$3600.00 as presented. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Bid' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Solid Waste Grant Application submitted to the SEMO Regional Planning Commission for 'Recycling Center' in pursuit of a 'Trailer'. Said Application was 'Delivered' in person by Commissioner Stuppy.

Community Center Employee appeared before the Commission. Employee attended 'conference'; Review of 'mileage' was reviewed along with protocol for use of 'County Vehicles'. (Reference was made to Page 43 of the Employee Policy Manual) The Commission reiterated that they always have 'Open Door' Policy to ALL County Employees.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/17/2022 in the amount of \$303,387.47 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:00 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 @ 11:30 A.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.

While in 'Open Session'; Commission received Letter of Resignation from Ste. Genevieve County Public Administrator, Robin Naeger. After review of the same; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' the submitted resignation letter from Ste. Genevieve County Public Administrator, Robin Naeger, effective 3/17/2022. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Upon receipt of 'Letter of Expressed Interest' in the position of Public Administrator; Commissioner Ruzicka made a motion to 'Approve' the Appointment of Amanda M. Kuehn as Interim Public Administrator for Ste. Genevieve County pending final appointment by Governor Michael Parson. Said appointment made pursuant to RSMo 105.030. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Upon above decision(s) being made; 'Order' was prepared for the Circuit Judge – Ste. Genevieve County – the 'Honorable Judge Timothy Inman'. Order was issued for 17th Day of March, 2022 with Presiding Commissioner Nelson as the 'Authorized' Party to 'sign' for said 'Order'. In addition, 'Letter to be forwarded' to Governor Michael Parson with verification of

above information. Per Section 105.030 of Missouri State Revised Statutes; the Ste. Genevieve County Commission made 'Interim Appointment' to this Office pending the 'Permanent Appointment' by Mr. Parson, Governor of the State of Missouri within an allowed period of time of (2) Months.

All applicable paperwork composed to be forwarded to appropriate parties. (Copies of all referenced documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Review was completed of 'Fiduciary Agreement' through Ste. Genevieve County Commission on behalf of the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Office who will act as 'fiduciary' on behalf of the Mineral Area Drug Task Force (MADTF). Review of said agreement was completed. Officer Schott administrating these funds.

Meeting convened @ 12:20 P.M. to be 'Reconvened' on Friday Morning @ 8:00 A.M.

Meeting was 'Reconvened' @ 8:00 A.M. on Friday, March 18, 2022.

MEETING WAS RECONVENED BY PRESIDING COMMISSIONER NELSON AT 8:00 A.M.

Additional review was provided to 'Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Ste. Genevieve and Ste. Genevieve County for the Collection of Taxes' for 'final review' with Legal Counsel for Ste. Genevieve County. Review was provided; final revisions are 'in process' of being noted.

Several representatives from the 'IDC' appeared before the Commission; discussion pertained to future growth and development for 'Economic Growth' in the area of Progress Parkway. The IDC will be meeting this Wednesday, 3/23/2022. Said topic will be reviewed at referenced meeting. Review of potential 'Grant Funding' through the 'State' as well as 'Federal Government' was addressed. It was noted that the 'County' is in full support of this project.

The Commission received a phone call from representative with Board Member of Grayhawk Lake Development. Inquiry was made regarding ARPA Funding. Board member was instructed that there is application process to follow and carries stringent criteria for qualifications.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 10:15 A.M. on 'Reconvened' Meeting of Friday, 3/18/2022 as duly noted. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 3/21/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER