

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

5TH Day of the April 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, APRIL 14, 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.

Sheriff Stolzer presented Purchase Requisition for Sheriff's Department for 'Fry Master Fryer' through vendor, 'Visionary Food Service' for a "Total Cost" of \$4,995.00 with Commissioner Ruzicka signing for the same. (Copy of Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Paul Arnold w/Special Road District appeared before the Commission. He advised the Commission that Mr. Paul Bauman has announced his resignation as Foreman from Special Road District. Mr. Arnold noted that they have several persons in mind for Mr. Bauman's replacement. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

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

*Colony Church Road – R&B Department awaiting 'Pipe'.

*Commission, along w/Mr. Schmieder need to inspect Bodine Road.

Mr. Bill Zeaman w/DNR; he forwarded notification advising that 'Public Meeting' surrounding NexGen Silica is scheduled for Thursday, 5/19/2022 @ 7:00 P.M. (Doors will open @ 6:00 P.M.) (Copy of referenced e-mail from Mr. Zeaman attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date along with copy of RSMo 192.300 – as it relates to Health Ordinance.)

Commission reviewed notification from Linda Wagner, Assessor, pertaining to incurred legal expense as a result of several tax appeals affecting the 'County'. Upon review of information presented along with understanding of the same; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to Approve reimbursement from General Revenue in the amount of \$9,289.72 for their 'share', which is based on '2021 breakdown of tax rate as presented. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission proceeded to review 'additional' notification from Linda Wagner, Assessor, pertaining to incurred legal expense as a result of 'tax appeals' as noted above. After review of said detail; Commissioner Stuppy made a Motion to Approve reimbursement from the Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Department in the amount of \$8,880.90 for their 'share', again based on '2021 breakdown of tax rate as presented. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Chad Speaker with J98 Radio Station contacted the Commission in an effort to perform a phone interview regarding their 'viewpoints' on the proposed silica sand plant in 'western' portion of the 'County'. The Commissioners noted the following:

*Commissioner Nelson noted that the 'County' does not have 'Planning & Zoning'; therefore the Commission has no mechanism for regulation of activities.

*The Ste. Genevieve County Commission received notification from Mr. Bill Zeaman with the DNR advising that a 'Date' has been set for Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Progress Sports Complex Gym @ 7:00 P.M. with 'Doors to Open' at 6:00 P.M. Several other agencies that have been notified to attend are U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Conservation, EPA, etc.

*Both Commissioner Stuppy and Ruzicka noted that they are in favor of economic development but not at the cost of 'public health expense'. Additional concerns surround 'traffic' issues in area of proposed site on Highway 32.

*All (3) Commissioners noted that it is their hope that the federal agencies involved will follow proper Federal Regulatory Requirements and Standards in proceeding with a final determinations.

Leadership Training to be held at the Courthouse on Wednesday, 4/20/2022 with sponsorship by the 'Chamber of Commerce'.

Mr. Mike Stephenson, Mine Manager w/Lhoist along with Mr. Bill Ashley, Plant Manager w/Lhoist appeared before the Commission to review 'abandonment' of 'County Road' in an effort to proceed with future growth for their company. The Commission will perform additional review with legal counsel prior to any proceeding surrounding this matter. As additional information becomes available, said detail will be provided. (Copy of 'Proposed' Road Map in question attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Several concerned residents that reside in 'western' portion of the 'County' appeared before the Commission to present additional information that they had secured regarding proposed silica mine plant in said area of the 'County'. Additional resident 'telephoned' the Commission surrounding same issue. All parties referenced that they have been advised to mention RSMo 192.300 – as it relates to public health. Recommendation made to said parties to contact the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department as well surrounding these issues. Compiled information from said residents was left with Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Said residents mentioned that they are also holding 'informational meetings' on 4/30/2022 @ the

'All Sports Complex' at 2:00 P.M. as well as a meeting on 4/30/2022 at 'Our Lady Help of Christians' School Hall also to be held at 2:00 P.M.

Sandra Cabot w/Missouri Department of Economic Development appeared before the Commission and reviewed several issues:

*Proposed 'Funding' that 'States' are to be allocated from the 'Federal Government' have been in review. The 'State of Missouri' is currently reviewing legislation for 'Handling and Appropriation' of said funding. The 'hope' is that additional detail will be determined in May so that 'Counties' have a better understanding of correct processing and reporting. Mrs. Cabot emphasized that this is an ever changing dynamic.

*Additional webinar to be offered on Friday, May 6th @ 1:00 P.M. She noted that she will 'share' information as it becomes available surrounding this topic.

Accounts Payable for Date 4/18/2022 in the amount of \$26,573.96 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:45 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 4/20/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER