

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

16TH 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, MAY 19, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER STUPPY TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER STUPPY TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA 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 items reported:

*Commissioner Nelson noted that McCoy Construction & Forestry sponsored Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting yesterday, which was held at the All Sports Complex. Commissioner Nelson noted that they went above and beyond 'measure'.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that Truck No. 7 along with Truck No. 21 are currently @ TAG Equipment. Repairs that need to be made are as follows: Wiring Harness as well as EGR 'Cooler'. Mr. Schmieder noted that repairs to Truck No. 21 should be covered under warranty; however, repairs to Truck No. 7 to be 'repaired'.

*Fuel Bids submitted for 'fuel supply' necessary for R&B Department. 'Bid Award' went to Heil Oil Company with the following pricing: Rates for "On-Road" Fuel - \$4.599/gallon. (Copy of 'Fuel Bid Request' along w/Ticket attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that new 'Skid Steer' has been delivered as has been previously noted in 'Minutes'. Old 'Skid Steer' was traded in and was replaced due to the many issues 'County' had experienced with said equipment as a result of DEF 'issues'. Total remaining 'Cost' to the 'County' after 'Trade-In' came to an amount of \$20,000. (Copy of 'Sales Agreement' reflecting the same is attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*R&B Department planning on working on Charter Church Road next week.

*R&B Department to 'begin' their (4) 10-Hour Workday Schedule effective 5/31/2022. Said schedule will be in effect 'through' Labor Day.

*R&B has worked on Coffman Road last (2) Days.

*Mowing/Patching/Removing Limbs/Cleaning Debris on Roads from recent storms.

*Commission to inspect 'low-water' crossings on Ditch Road this afternoon along w/Mr. Scott Schmieder as well as Mr. Keith Simpson (Keith Simpson Contracting). The Commission noted that this project is extremely important; was not factored into '2022 'Budget'. The concern surrounding the same is due to the extensive amount of 'flash flooding' that continues to occur in past several years and fact that Ditch Road is a 'dead-end'. Residents along with the Commission have concern surrounding residents in the event of an emergency situation and being 'land locked'. As additional information is determined surrounding said project; details will be provided.

*Commission reviewed R&B Budget; All agreed that they are comfortable w/Budget at this time.

*Review was given to AT&T Bill that was forwarded to 'County' to include 'phone line' that had been cut. AT&T noted that the 'County R&B Department' had done the same while performing work on Coldwater Creek Road. Mr. Schmieder confirmed that R&B Department had been performing 'clean out' project on said road. HOWEVER, it was noted that there is potential issue with 'cable' not being 'buried' properly. Additional detail to be gathered prior to any invoice detail being paid.

Franklin Bridge Update – Mr. Keith Simpson w/Keith Simpson Contracting contacted the Commission to provide update on said project. Project currently 'waiting' on rebar.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'Solid Waste & Regional Planning Commission' Meeting attended on Tuesday, 5/24/2022. Following were details provided:

*Presentation given from company based in 'Kentucky' for 'Green Energy'. Process consists of 'specific quantities of trash' being collected in area of approximately 3-5 acres for their operation with 'All Trash' inside of enclosed building. They noted that 'structure' would have 'Tipping Floor'. No Trash located outside of building. No 'smell' outside building as well with 'use' of negative pressure fans.

*Commission to receive 'survey' in an effort to see what 'quantity' of trash may be available from our 'Community'. Possibility of 'combining' communities for project of this nature reviewed/discussed.

*RPC noted that there continue to be 'Supply Chain' Issues in meeting 'Grant' Awards.

*RLF Funds were noted to still be available for approximately \$140,000. RPC Representative discussing with area small businesses as deadline to release said funds is 6/30/2022.

*FY '2023 Dues reviewed. (Question to be posed as 'County' pays dues along with surrounding 'Cities'; County 'Dues' include said municipalities; should 'both' parties be paying for 'duplicate expenses'?)

*Review of Homeland Security Grants in addition to other 'Grant Availability' through programs such as DRA, Grant Availability through the DNR, etc. Any questions can be posed to Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission surrounding the same.

*SEMO RPC announced availability of 'new road counters' for utilization.

*Donna Hickman w/Congressman Smith's Office as well as Matt Bain w/Senator Blunt's Office both in attendance. Lesley Rone, Field Rep. for Senator Blunt's Office in process of transitioning to position w/DED (Department of Economic Development).

*Discussion surrounding election security presented by Mr. Rick Henderson as well as his focus on education along w/'lowering taxes'.

*Next Meeting scheduled for July.

*It was noted at meeting that Mr. Matthew Wilkerson is 'Area Engineer' for Southeast District. (He fills position that had been held by Mr. David Wyman.)

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Southeast Missouri Commissioner's

Meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Meeting was very well attended.

*McCoy Equipment along with members of their 'team' sponsored the meeting. As previously noted, they went 'above and beyond'.

*Said meeting allows Commissioners from surrounding 'Counties' to review/discuss issues that they are dealing with. Commission from Perry County touched on 'issue' surrounding 'sand mine/plant' in their County; location was in 'Brewer'. They noted the remaining effects since plant is no longer in operation. (Public Water Supply issues were also noted.)

*Mr. Shawn Long, Ste. Genevieve Library Director, appeared before the Commission on behalf of program through Workforce Development Board – "Jobs 4 You". Since Ste. Genevieve Library has partnered with Workforce Development surrounding this program; other 'Counties' have followed suit and are also participating.

*Review of 'Redistricting' Bill as it pertains to Congressional Districts reviewed.

*Additional review provided to the various 'Buckets' of Funding with additional information to be provided by the 'State'.

*Tammy Tankersley reported that the Workforce Development Board experiencing additional 'budget cuts'.

Report provided by Commission Ruzicka on 'status' of Handicapped Parking Spaces. Steve Wilson w/City Water Department will paint spaces as soon as weather dries.

Local resident with concern as it surrounds possible 'silica sand mine' in western portion of the 'County' requested any updates. Commission noted that they have no current updates at this time. Resident mentioned that he had attended 'presentation' at Community Center last Thursday Evening; it was mentioned that 'slides' of presentation would be made available. Said resident contacted Bill Zeaman w/DNR; to date, said slides are still unavailable.

Commission contacted Melvin Mills Roofing for update on Chamber Roof. Bid was already awarded. Following are updates:

*Per 'Jim' with Melvin Mills Roofing, he advised that there are supply chain issues; current shingles that are on order and potentially unavailable until late 3rd Quarter or early 4th Quarter. It was noted that 'search' is going to be completed for material that is 'on the ground'. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

Suggestion was made to Commission to contact Liberty Glass regarding 'windows' that need to be replaced in 'Courtroom(s)'. Representative w/Liberty Glass to inspect the same. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided. Commissioner Stuppy to follow up on said project.

County still waiting on 'proposal' for minor electrical repairs at 'Courthouse'.

Call was made to Mr. Chris Crocker w/MoDOT as it relates to 'Entrance' to Holcim from Highway 61. Accidents have been reported at said location. Question has been posed surrounding 'lowering' speed limit. Mr. Crocker to review the same.

While speaking with Mr. Chris Crocker, the Commission noted that MANY complaints local residents are making surrounding 'cable installation' and the LACK of CAUTION that Installation Contractor (Mestic) is taking on local roads. This is becoming an ever increasing 'safety' problem. Photos have been taken and have been forwarded to Mr. Christopher Tucker, Construction Coordinator III along with representatives from MoDOT. It was noted that if precautionary measures do not become adhered to there is potential for 'Removal' of Right of Way Permits. The other issue is that 'company' should leave land the way you left it.

Contact made to Mike Light Cement Finishing as 'Crosswalk' was completed last year. Paint is already 'fading'. Commission requesting that this be addressed from Contractor as this issue should not already be occurring.

Local resident that resides on Ditch Road as it surrounds 'low-water' crossings. Commission to inspect later this morning along with Keith Simpson from Keith Simpson Contracting.

Circuit Clerk, Julie Bova, appeared before Commission to advise them that 'Posting' is being placed as it relates to 'Court Proceedings' surrounding 'Use of Devices'. Reference also made to RSMo 574.010 along with RSMo 576.030. (Copies of referenced documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Fair Board Member in contact w/Commissioner Stuppy (liaison for Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board) regarding 'mower' at the Fairgrounds. Mechanical issues have presented themselves. Commissioner Stuppy to review @ Fair Board Meeting this evening. As additional information becomes available, said detail will be provided.

Accounts Payable for Date 5/26/2022 in the amount of \$469,422.37 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

The Commission convened at 11:00 A.M. to reconvene @ 11:30 A.M. on Ditch Road for inspection of low-water crossings with Mr. Scott Schmieder along with Mr. Keith Simpson.

ADJOURN

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

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 6/2/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER