

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

19TH 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 MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from progress on Franklin Bridge. Following were points of interest reported:

*Mr. Jerrod Jernigan, District Bridge Engineer w/MoDOT met w/Mr. Keith Simpson @ Franklin Bridge. Mr. Jeremy Manning also came and inspected project.

*Steel on order for Franklin Bridge; Mr. Simpson expects that if all goes well; project could possibly be complete by end of next week.

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

*Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Old Roller' discovered to have oil leak; Assessment to be completed; additional detail to be provided.

*Mr. Schmieder presented 'Fuel Tickets' for R&B Department's most recent fuel purchase through Heil Oil Company who had the 'low bid'.

*Coffman Road – R&B Department laying 'base' today.

*R&B Department continuing w/Durapatch Work as well as Mowing.

*Storm Damage occurred on Tuesday Night; Road Repairs/Debris Clean Up completed on Wednesday in the areas of Minnith and Coffman.

*New Church Road – Mr. Schmieder noted that resident on said road questioned him surrounding 'tree' that appears to be on County 'Right of Way'. Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department will not be able to cut down said tree; it is outside of their realm of expertise. Mr. Schmieder presented information to Commission, instructed property owner of the same, and asked that the Commission review this matter for 'final determination' of how best to handle situation.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that there is additional 'tree' issue on Concord School Road and asked that the Commission make determination on this property as well.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that the R&B Department will ONLY remove trees that they feel they can 'safely handle'. Mr. Schmieder not to subject R&B 'Crew' to unnecessary harm.

Review completed of 'Quotation' for Box Culverts from Bobby Wooten w/McCann Concrete Products with the following 'Descriptions':

*There would be a total of (2) Box Culverts with one being for 'Ditch' Road and one being for 'Misplay' Road. Said 'culverts' to have the following 'specs': 25.0' Span – 9.0' Rise – 20.0' Deck. Total Quoted Price for said (2) Box Culverts would be 'Total Price' of \$209,920.00 with anticipated delivery in July '2023.

*There would be additional 'Box Culvert' necessary for Ditch Road with following 'specs': 20.5' Span – 6.0' Rise – 20.0' Span. This 'Box Culvert' for Ditch Road is at a 'Quoted Price' of \$45,560.00.

After close review of said detail, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to proceed with ordering 'Box Culverts' to proceed with 'Shop Drawings' for future project(s) on Ditch Road as well as Misplay Road with Commissioner Stuppy signing said 'Quotations' in an effort to proceed with 'final' shop drawings. Total Anticipated Cost of said Project to be \$255,480.00 and anticipated completion to occur during Summer '2023. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Quotation' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission spoke with Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, as it pertains to '911' Antenna on 'Bloomsdale Tower'. Updates being completed on the same.

*Mr. Meyer also noted that he had attended '911' Meeting in which they reported that 'recommendations' are scheduled to be handed down surrounding 'updates' to 'radio system'. Town Hall Meetings had been held surrounding this matter.

*Update provided surrounding Generator that is being installed today as a result of Hazard Mitigation Grant by Southeast Missouri Services. The 'County' anticipates that they will be ready to begin the 'Close Out' Paperwork for said project.

Commission was contacted by concerned party affiliated with 'Friends of Hawn' Group surrounding proposed 'silica sand mine' in western portion of the 'County'. (Same party had contacted Commission on Monday, 6/6/2022.) Following were Points of Interest:

*Said 'individual' had contacted the DNR and was advised that the 'Permitting' in Question through the DNR for this proposed project pertains to Land Reclamation and has nothing to do with 'Environmental or any Additional Issues'.

*Said 'individual' noted that he will be participating in a radio interview w/Mr. Don Pritchard to be 'aired' on Friday, 6/10/2022 @ approximately 11:30 A.M.

*It was noted that all concerned parties may have a better chance should they 'work together'.

*Said 'individual expressed concern surrounding 'public meeting' that was held and noted that he had been contacted by parties that there was difficulty 'hearing' information provided as 'sound equipment' appeared not to be functioning properly.

*Individual noted that 'parties' had advised that they were awaiting additional details to be forwarded by Mr. Bill Zeaman with the DNR.....they are still waiting.

*Concern expressed surrounding the 'Aquifer' and potential of damage to 'filtration' of water.

*Concern also expressed with the premise that it is 'felt' by said individual and various groups that the DNR is 'Coming In' after the fact; this is 'too late' if damage is done. Commission listened to 'concerns' that said 'individual' expressed and noted that they understand public concern and felt that they needed to pass Joint Health Ordinance 05162022 with concern over public water; however, at the end of the day; they must also continue to abide by the 'law/statutes'. Said individual 'Thanked them for their time'.

Commission was questioned surrounding 'Juneteenth' Holiday. Commission reviewed the same in brief meeting with 'Elected Officials' that were able to attend. After conferring with Elected Officials that were present, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to observe 'Juneteenth' Holiday on 6/20/2022 with the understanding that the 'County' will not observe Columbus Day in '2022 in an effort to remain fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars; thus, there will be no additional cost to 'County Taxpayers'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of updated '2022 Holiday Schedule attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Stacy Snider, AEL Director/Supervisor w/Missouri Adult Education Literacy Program to touch base with the 'County' in the future as it pertains to the many changes affecting said program. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Community Services Forum Meeting that she attended on Wednesday, 6/8/2022 with the following Points of Interest:

*Estrella Carmona w/University of MO Extension Council – Guest Speaker.

*Ms. Carmona reported that 'Grant' was obtained for 'RX Safety' in which they partnered with SGCMH; \$25,000 Grant; Goal is for funding to be utilized for 'Drug Awareness Program'. It is the 'hope' to coordinate w/Healthcare System as well as area 'Schools' and to promote preventive measures.

*Ms. Carmona noted that Community Services Forum was established in 1993 and is 'Great Community Resource Guide'.

*It was reported that there will be a 'Substance Abuse Addiction Conference' to be held on 8/3/2022 @ the 'Sports Complex' between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

*Ms. Stace Snider spoke surrounding 'High School Equivalency'.

*Mrs. Robin Reynolds noted that fundraiser is being held to raise funding for the 'Life Center'. (Contact can be made to said entity if any questions arise.)

*Next Community Services Forum Meeting is scheduled for 8/10/2022.

The Commission attended IDC Meeting on 6/8/2022 as it pertains to 'future' of housing for Ste. Genevieve County. Consensus is that 'Affordable Housing' is Goal for County.

The following representatives w/Spectrum appeared before the Commission as it relates to the 'on-going' reports from area residents about the numerous issues pertaining to cable installation. The individuals that were present w/Spectrum were as follows: Mr. Chris Tucker, Daniel Shires, Mike Lodewegen, and Ty Nichols.

The following areas of concern were addressed:

*Upon completion of 'Installation' of fiber optic cable; area is supposed to be taken care of 'back' to its original state. Area residents that are not satisfied contacting R&B Department with their complaints/concerns.

*Mr. Ty Nichols noted that they have met with MoDOT Area Engineers surrounding the numerous issues.

*Several 'Clean Up' Crews have been assigned for this very purpose.

*It was noted that subcontractor now requiring inspection crews.

*Commissioner Nelson noted that a huge concern on area roadways is need for 'Flagmen' for safety measures. (The 'County' does special hiring during summer months primarily for this need.)

*Mr. Mike Lodewegen noted that 'Spectrum' wants to retain an Open Line of Communication; they noted that they want to address as problems arise to encourage mitigation efforts.

*Ticket System utilized by Spectrum for 'Tracking' Distribution List via e-mail as 'job completion' is done to insure final completion of 'Projects' as it pertains to restoration.

*Matter of how to handle projects as they pertain to 'Bridges' @ Creek Crossings; these will be addressed on individual basis; however, Mr. Shires noted that current practice is to utilize 'boring' of cable. (Currently, Spectrum has 3rd Party Engineer for these issues as well that could easily coordinate any issues w/the 'County'.)

*The Commission addressed the 'Complaints' that area residents have mentioned regarding 'Pedestal Placement'.

*Commissioner Nelson reminded 'Spectrum' that they have to pay close attention to 'Easements' and should confirm w/Recorder of Deeds if not 'sure'.

*Mr. Lodewegen addressed the fact that the 'State' is making determinations as to how they will allocate funding for 'Broadband'. He noted that he will continue to review these updates with the 'County' should there be any potential funding available on the 'Part' of the County. The 'County' noted that they have more requests than 'funds available'. Mr. Lodewegen simply noted that he was wanting to 'flag' scoring component surrounding said funding.

Commissioner Ruzicka noted that updates to 'Fairgrounds' progressing well. The Commission was made aware that Fair Events are scheduled; there have been questions surrounding the same. It was noted that 'Commission' has been advised that there will be Truck Pull, Demo Derby, Parade, Beer Garden, etc. as has been in the past. If interested public has questions, please feel free to contact Fair Board Members or Extension Council.

As it pertains to 'lawn maintenance' at the 'old' Riverview @ the Park location; Sheriff's Department is going to assist needs for the same.

Commissioner Stuppy noted that she had spoke w/local electrician surrounding 'small project' needed at the Courthouse. (Project below threshold requiring Bid Placement.) Total 'estimated' cost of project to be less than \$2,500 approximately. Decision was made for

Commissioner Stuppy to contact Marzuc Electric in an effort to proceed; handle these matters.

Accounts Payable for Date 6/9/2022 in the amount of \$228,257.27 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

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 6/13/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER