

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022**

Regular Day of the July 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, JUNE 30, 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.

While Mr. Schmieder was present for meeting, the Commission wanted to review the many on-going issues surrounding Spectrum/Cable Installation. Following was a summary of the many reported 'issues'. Please reference the following:

- \*Pipes remain 'clogged'.
- \*Rocks 'left' in 'Right of Way' Areas.
- \*Damaged 'Black Top'.
- \*Cables 'left' in Weeds.
- \*Pedestals not allowing for mowing by County R&B Department.
- \*Residents continuously 'hounding' Mr. Scott Schmieder with MANY Complaints!
- \*Roads Not Left in the Manner in Which they Were Found.
- \*Commission was contacted by residents of Zell Country Club Estates surrounding the fact that 'No Permitting' was provided to Spectrum; Permitting MUST be obtained.
- \*Many Responses submitted to representatives with Spectrum/Charter surrounding on-going problems. 'County' has advised that until solution is reached and problems/issues resolved; no additional permitting will be provided.

Meeting transitioned into 'R&B Report' from Mr. Scott Schmieder. Following were the points of interest presented:

\*Cave Road – Mr. Schmieder met w/Citizens Electric Company along w/Mr. Les Giesler w/Budrovich Excavating. It appears that the 'large' box culvert will take more than (1) Day. 'Tear Out' is scheduled to start on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Placement of 'Box Culverts' to begin on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schmieder noted that local property owners working extremely well with the 'County' surrounding this project.

\*Bodine Road – The Commission, along with Mr. Schmieder, reviewed possible solutions to 'insure' less flooding problems/issues.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department continuing work on 'Patching Roads'.

\*Mr. Schmieder volunteered to 'water fairgrounds' on Friday, 7/8/2022 in preparation for the upcoming Ste. Genevieve County Fair.

\*R&B Department to work on 'Dig Outs'.

Commission contacted Bobby Wooten w/McCann Concrete Products in an effort to prepare for final coordination of placement of Cave Road Box Culverts. Mr. Wooten confirmed that 'Cave Road Box Culverts' are scheduled to 'begin' delivery process on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It is currently 'planned' to have Deliveries on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of said week. (\*Mr. Schmieder noted that he will prepare a 'Route Plan' of Travel for 'delivery trucks' to be forwarded to Mr. Wooten.)

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission to present Purchase Requisition No. 22-0015 Dated 7/7/22 for Outfitting of (6) Cars through vendor, Public Safety Upfitters, for a "Total" Cost of \$36,956.02 with Commissioner Ruzicka signing for the same. (Copy of said Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission to present Purchase Requisition No. 22-0016 Dated 7/6/2022 for Caging/Equipment for new car through vendor, American Aluminum, for a "Total" Cost of \$7,688.00 with Commissioner Ruzicka signing for the same. (Copy of said Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sheriff Stolzer presented Contract #AOC08380526 for the 'Period' of 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023 between Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff and Department of Mental Health. Said contract is 'renewal' contract. Upon review of presented information, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to Approve said Contract as presented. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said Contract attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director provided the following detail surrounding recently installed 'Generator':

- \*Mr. Meyer working on 'fencing' for perimeter of said equipment.
- \*Mr. Meyer coordinating 'timing' issue on said 'Generator'.
- \*Mr. Meyer in process of managing 'electric issues' with local electric company.

\*Mr. Meyer reached out to Hank Voelker w/SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) in an effort to see if there was any additional action/avenue that might be able to be taken as it pertains to 'water' issue that residents in mobile home park are experiencing in northern portion of the 'County'. County has checked with DNR who advised that there is nothing they can do as said location does not have a minimum of (15) service lines. County is working with Prosecuting Attorney in an effort to try to offer assistance that are within their 'limits'. As additional information becomes available, said detail to follow.

The Commission contacted Melvin Mills Roofing. Shingles for 'Chamber Roof' on order. Expectation is that Melvin Mills Roofing will be in within the next month to start roof replacement.

The Commission followed up on window replacement quote from Liberty Glass surrounding the same. Liberty Glass noted that they would provide detail when 'in the area'. They are currently inundated.

Mike Stevenson, Mine Manager w/Lhoist Chemical, presented Commission with a Notice of Intended Application for "Vacating" of a Public Road. The portion of the road to vacate commences in the municipal township of "Ste. Genevieve (38N, R9E) that portion of Sugar Bottom Road commencing at the existing Industrial River Road (located at latitude 37 Degrees, 59' 37.12N/Longitude 90 Degrees 05'03, 80W) proceeding in an approximate westerly direction to and terminating at New White Sands Road constructed by Lhoist North America in the municipal Township of Ste. Genevieve in said County, and that the said petition will be heard by the said Court at the next term thereof to be held at the Court House in the City of Ste. Genevieve in said County, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2022. The road proposed to be closed will be maintained by Lhoist Chemical as a Private Road per State Statute RSMo 228.110. The petition was publicly read and posted in three public places on this date; Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse, Entrance to 'Anticipated Road Closure' along with 'Exit Location of Road Closure'.

A second reading will be held on the first day of the next adjourned term of the Commission which will be on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 (Regular Day of the October Term) and a third and final reading of the next regular adjourned term which will be on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Regular Day of the January Term) at which time the Commission may proceed to vacate such road if no proposition is made in writing, signed by at least twelve residents of the township. (Copy of 'Notice of Intended Application for "Vacating" of a Public Road' as referenced attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission contacted State Representative, Dale Wright, in an effort to see if there was any additional assistance that could possibly be offered for 'situation' @ mobile home park in northern part of the 'County'. Suggestion was made to contact the DNR; however, it was explained that we had already contacted the DNR and was advised that they cannot 'do anything' if there are not a minimum of '15' service lines.

While Representative Wright was on the phone, he asked if there was any knowledge of additional resources for 'City of St. Mary', especially since they currently have such a limited amount of resources. The Commission reached out to SEMO RPC for any possible resources that might be available. If additional information becomes available; said detail will be presented.

Sealed Bid Opening was held @ 10:00 A.M. for asphaltting of Coffman Road. Present were Josh Baker w/Vern Bauman Contracting, Inc.; Mike 'Skip' Weiler was present from Jokerst, Inc. These were the only (2) companies that submitted bids.

\*Prior to Meeting beginning; Commissioner Nelson touched on previous conversations regarding 'Asphalt Price Index'. Commissioner Nelson noted that the 'County' learned a great deal from paving of road on northern end of the 'County' that has since had to be completely

redone. The 'County' must always be good stewards of Tax Payer Dollars. Commissioner Nelson noted, "There are reasons for corrections after mistakes".

\*Due to cost of 'fuel pricing'; Budgets are out of control.

\*Mr. Baker simply noted that taking into consideration the 'Asphalt Price Index' is one fair way to work with 'Bid Process'.

\*Commissioner Nelson noted that the 'County' added 'statement' in Bid Request noting "25 Gallons Oil per TON" as a result of past experiences with product. Ste. Genevieve County felt that it was important to add this notation simply to emphasize the standard of product received as well as the fact, per Commissioner Nelson, that there are some companies that use refined asphalt w/less oil. The 'County' requests 'Virgin Mix' Asphalt.

\*Mr. Baker simply wanted it noted that they utilize Certified BP1 MoDOT Asphalt.

Jokerst, Inc. submitted a price of \$74.50 per TON @ estimated tons of 775 (0.6 miles) for a "Total" Price of \$57,737.50 for 2" compacted asphalt – Coffman Road – 20 ft. wide (approximately) w/25 Gallons Oil per TON.

Vern Bauman Contracting Company submitted a price of \$86.81 per TON @ estimated tons of 748 (0.6 miles) for a "Total" Price of \$64,933.88 for 2" compacted asphalt – Coffman Road – 20 ft. wide (approximately) w/25 Gallons Oil per TON.

The Commission noted that quotes would be reviewed with decision to be made at a later date. The Commission to review R&B 'Budget' in an effort to determine affordability of said project. As additional information becomes available; detail to be provided.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:00 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Litigation'. 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 at 12:20 P.M. re:RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the Motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/7/2022 in the amount of \$197,766.79 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Ste. Genevieve County Health Department forwarded Monthly COVID-19 and Influenza Data Update for the Month of June '2022. The number of 'Influenza' Cases – 1; The number of COVID-19 Cases – 185 with a 'Percentage of Fully Vaccinated persons that are 5 years of age and older @ 47.9%. (Copy of reported Data attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

**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 7/11/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER