

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the July Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Garry Nelson and Associate Commissioner Randy Ruzicka along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer. (Commissioner Stuppy was absent from today's meeting as she was on vacation.)

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, JULY 7, 2022 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022.

Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, obtained pricing on fencing to surround perimeter of area around 'Generator'/HVAC System. Pricing was obtained from local company and is below threshold of amount needed to submit for 'Bids'. Upon review of detail presented; Commissioner Nelson made a 'Motion' to proceed with purchase from 'Do It Center'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion. Commissioner Nelson yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Report provided from Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Following are the items reported:

\*Mr. David Bova along with Mr. Felix Meyer who both serve on the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. They reported that there were record crowds on Saturday Night at the demo derby.

\*It was reported that several vendors 'pulled out' of the Fair.

\*There were several vehicles that drove through Fairgrounds. It was discussed that measures will be taken to prevent this from happening next year. This was a great area of concern. It was noted that this would just be one of the issues to be reviewed/discussed for improvements to next year's fair.

\*Fair Board Members to be reviewed in an effort to see if there are any changes to be made. This will be reviewed at a future date.

\*Commissioner Nelson asked that once all reporting is complete; a 'Financial' Report be provided to the Commission. Mr. David Bova, Treasurer, advised that this will be done.

The Commission reviewed Engagement Letter that was prepared in connection for Case No. 22SG-CC00149 -NexGen Silica LLC v. Ste. Genevieve County with representation pertaining to Ste. Genevieve County Commission along with Ste. Genevieve County Health Department. Close review provided to the same; after close review; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to Accept the Letter of Engagement approving authority for Commissioner Nelson to 'Sign' referenced 'Engagement Letter' as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Nelson yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced 'Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from Meeting that was attended by Commissioners on Friday at City Hall regarding 'Electric Car Charging Stations'. Presentation was provided by representative from Cape Electrical. The following was provided:

- \*Commissioner Ruzicka reported that the cost of 'charging station' is \$100,000.

- \*It was noted that there is a 'backlog' in obtaining these units.

- \*There are Level (3) Chargers vs. Level (2) Chargers; recommendation is that 'Both' are utilized.

- \*The consensus by the Commissioners agreed that this would be an excessive expense at the current time.

Local resident that resides on Highway Y reported that they have damaged culvert pipe that was done by installation company for Spectrum. Said company is claiming that damage was done by MoDOT. The Ste. Genevieve County Commission has reached out to MoDOT in an effort to obtain answer surrounding this matter. Reply is currently pending. As has been previously reported; this is an on-going issue. The Commission replied that many property owners have concern as property was "SUPPOSED TO BE LEFT IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CONTRACTORS FOUND IT". Property Owner on 'Highway Y' has noted that they have been waiting on reply from 'Spectrum Contractor' since June 8<sup>th</sup>. They noted that additional damage was done; however, resident witnessed it happening and handled with person immediately.

Mr. Mark Basler along with Mr. Bruce Giesler representing the Lake Forest Clean Water District appeared before the Commission to present request for additional 'ARPA' Funds in the amount of \$145,375.25 as a result of increased costs; said increase as a result of 'installation of meter pits along with flush hydrants, valves, saddles, and curb stops. The Commission did also make LFCWD aware of potential funding through Economic Development and provided information for Sandra Cabot accordingly.

It was also noted that prior to any additional funding being considered; all other 'federal funding resources' would need to be provided. The County is 'Caretaker' of ARPA Funding but is responsible for the handling and conferred with legal counsel who reiterated that we must not cross reference handling of federal funds. LFCWD to prepare applicable documentation and will present to the 'County'. As additional information is provided; said detail will be reported. (Referenced Request can be located in the Office of the County Clerk.)

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

- \*Commission contacted Jokerst, Inc. for verification of 'Date' that they could start paving of Coffman Road should they be awarded 'Bid'. Mr. Todd Weiler w/Jokerst, Inc. noted that they had specified a 'Start Date' of 7/19/2022.

- \*Mr. Schmieder and Commissioner Ruzicka to meet with Bobby Wooten w/McCann Concrete Products on Tuesday, 7/12/2022, @ 8:00 A.M.

- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that he is ordering 'Rear Drive Tires' for Dump Trucks.

\*Mr. Schmieder may have items to list on Purple Wave; Sheriff also mentioned items. Mr. Schmieder will coordinate w/him.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that the R&B Department attended to 'Storm Damage' on Friday Night.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that he has issues with Spectrum as it pertains to Ditch Road. Spectrum was supposed to contact him to review due to upcoming 'Changes' anticipated for Ditch Road. Mr. Schmieder is being inundated with issues surrounding Spectrum Cable Installation. The 'County' is working with MoDOT surrounding the increasing amount of issues as it pertains to these problems.

Upon reviewing details as they pertain to Coffman Road Paving Project and reviewing 'Bids' that were presented by Vern Bauman Contracting as well as Jokerst, Inc.; decision was made that the 'County' needed to proceed with 'asphalt paving' of said road. Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to 'Award' the Bid as presented by Jokerst, Inc. at a Rate of \$74.50 w/Estimated Tons of 775 @ a "Total Cost" of \$57,737.50 with the stipulation that work be completed by the End of July; Again, Jokerst, Inc. has stated that they will be able to start job on 7/19/2022. Commissioner Nelson seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Nelson yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Award Letters attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Claudia Stuppy, Collector, appeared before the Commission with request from local tax payer to waive interest and penalties. Commission reviewed the same. Upon review of 'Request'; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve waiving 'Interest and Penalties' as a result of 'Actions or Inactions of the 'County' or its 'Employees'. The Amount of Request was \$125.96. Commissioner Nelson seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Nelson yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced request attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission received update from Heavenly Hope Organization. They are utilizing 'van' for food delivery as well as mobile food kitchen. It was noted that said unit is going to be utilized as a 'mobile unit' by organization in near future.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/11/2022 in the amount of \$70,584.05 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/18/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER