

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

11TH Day of the July Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Garry Nelson, Associate Commissioners Karen Stuppy and Randy Ruzicka. Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer was absent from today's meeting.

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, AUGUST 8, 2022 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022.

Local business owner with property on McDaniel Road appeared before the Commission questioning when said road would be considered for paving. The Commission noted that they would want input from Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman. Inspection will be completed for review before decision can be made.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 8:20 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(3) as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Nelson seconded the Motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Nelson yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' Closed Session 'portion' of Meeting @ 8:25 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(3) as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the Motion. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Commission wanted it noted that on Tuesday, 8/9/2022; they were made aware of a MasTec (Contractor for Spectrum) Trailer that was in 'driving lane' on Jackson School Road disallowing for cars to proceed around the same. Sheriff's Department was called to move trailer. Subsequently, notification was forwarded to Spectrum advising that permitting was being pulled on 'County Roads'. (Copy of referenced e-mail attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

In addition to the above, the following 'issues' were identified as additional 'on-going' issues with Spectrum. Additional reported details as follows:

- *Machine being utilized by MasTec left on Jackson School Road all weekend as per reports provided.

- *Truck facing wrong direction on Jackson School Road between Kinsey and Hwy. DD.

- *Continuous meetings held with no changes in matters.

Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, met with local contractor to review what measures need to be taken in an effort to proceed with fencing project that will surround recently installed Generator at the Courthouse.

Report from IDC Meeting attended provided by Commissioner Stuppy. The Commission attended as Guests at IDC Meeting on Wednesday, 8/10/2022. Following were the details provided:

*It was noted once again that Commission attended as 'Guests'.

*Project has been discussed for extensive amount of time. Proposal is for road extension to 'extend' to Progress Parkway. Property in question is owned by 'City of Ste. Genevieve'; however, for progress to continue, joint effort would need to be accomplished by 'County', 'City', and 'IDC'. County is fully supportive of this project considering the aspect of 'emergency services'.

Charter Communications/Spectrum/MasTec appeared with the following representatives before the Commission in response to 'on-going' issue with problems from cable installation as has been reported on numerous occasions. Following were representatives present:

*Paul G. Berra – Charter Communications – Director of Government Affairs

*Chris Tucker – Charter Communications

*Jason Gibson – MasTec

*Aaron Tyler – MasTec

Explanation of the many pictures that have been forwarded to Spectrum by the 'County'. As has been previously reported, Commission contacted Sheriff's Department to 'remove' equipment parked illegally. When Sheriff's Department went to remove equipment, Sheriff's Department noted that 'workers' were gone. Interim R&B Supervisor, Ronnie Karl, reported to the Commission that equipment on Jackson School Road removed today. (Commissioner Nelson noted at this point that this was a 'last resort'; however, the 'County' felt there was no other recourse).

*Detail surrounding 'pedestal' installation on County Road 'Right of Way' creating 'havoc' for Road & Bridge Department.

*There is great concern when snowfall occurs, snow plowing, etc. R&B Department realizes that it is likely that pedestals will be knocked down.

*Commission reported that one of the largest concerns surrounds the fact that Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, has taken representatives from Spectrum throughout the County to physically show where the problems are located. Promises have been made that issues would be resolved. However, same issues continue to be reported and must be revisited.

*Commissioner Nelson advised that the 'County' cannot ignore these many issues; if 'County' does not address issues, there is always threat of 'lawsuit'. County CANNOT allow this to happen.

*Mr. Berra noted that Spectrum needs to work with the 'County' regarding where 'pedestals' can be placed; this needs to be coordinated. Mr. Berra addressed that better communication must be adhered to.

*It was noted that MasTec Employee removed; Full Meeting held with 'All Employees'.

*Mr. Jason Gibson w/MasTec reported that their company hired a law enforcement employee to ride along with 'crew' in effort to insure that all 'legal' measures being followed. There still remains to be an issue on 'manpower'.

*Tracking system continues to be utilized.

*Commission noted that they will re-evaluate their decision of removing 'Right of Way' Permitting for Spectrum; however, acknowledged that this is the FINAL Meeting that will be held with their company. The County also does not have the TIME or MANPOWER to continue to address these unnecessary and irresponsible issues.

*Commissioner Ruzicka noted that although the 'County' is not MoDOT; safety issues utilized by them such as use of flagmen, etc. should be followed.

*Commissioner Nelson added that the next time a project of this magnitude is requested in the 'County'; 'Bonding' will be requested/enforced.

*Commission will consider reinstatement of permitting upon Spectrum providing report from their Subcontractors. This will be requirement for Spectrum to proceed.

Mr. Ronnie Karl, Interim R&B Supervisor due to Mr. Schmieder's absence appeared before the Commission to provide R&B Report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Mowing performed.

*Bad Spots being repaired on area roadways.

*Chipping & Sealing planned for next week.

*Today is last day for 'Summer Help – College Students' that were utilized by R&B Department this past summer.

Commission reviewed proposal from Hutson Glass Company, Crystal City, MO, as it pertains to 'window replacement' for upstairs windows in the Courthouse. It should be noted that this is the only company that has expressed interest along with ability to complete this project. Upon review of information provided; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to proceed with the utilization of Hutson Glass Company for window replacement for said Court Room Windows as presented by said company. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Update provided on Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds. Following issues were addressed:

*Gate Down – needs to be replaced.

*Mowing needs to be addressed at Fairgrounds.

Accounts Payable for Date 8/22/2022 in the amount of \$148,276.05 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn 'Regular Meeting' at 10:00 A.M.
Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 8/15/2022.

Remainder of Meeting to be 'Closed Session'.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER