

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

15TH 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 MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Commission with 'Proposal' he obtained in effort to complete 'Generator Project'. Concrete pour necessary for installation of fencing. Upon review of 'Proposal', Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to proceed with Bales Concrete LLC @ cost of \$3,223.00. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said proposal attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

While Mr. Meyer was present, invoice detail for 'Service Agreement' from Southeast Services, Inc. was reviewed. As previously noted in 'Commission Minutes' agreement was accepted for Southeast Services, Inc. to service Courthouse Generator as well as 'R&B Generator' located @ R&B 'Shed'. (Copy of invoice detail from Southeast Services, Inc. attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

*R&B Department currently working on 'Bad Spots' throughout the 'County'.

*Mr. Schmieder provided 'Fuel Tickets' for most recent fuel purchase. (Copies of said 'Tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mowing being performed; Mr. Schmieder reported that R&B Crew scheduled to complete mowing in St. Mary area on Monday.

*Mr. Schmieder has spoke with 'Contractor' that is working in area of Chestnut Ridge. As previously reported; residents have reached out to the 'County' in effort to review what needs to be done with several roads in said area to be taken over as 'County Roads'. Mr. Schmieder has advised 'Contractor' of County Road Requirements. He will continue to keep in contact with said party. As information becomes available; noted details will be provided.

*Additional issue reported today regarding 'Spectrum'. Work completed on Miller Switch Road by Spectrum Contractor when 'permitting' was rescinded/photos taken. Additional issues reported on Watts Road as well as issues on MoDOT 'ROW' – Highway 32 – that was reported to the 'County'. County obtained photos in effort to assist County Resident.

Frustrations are elevated; all parties are tired of dealing with on-going issues. Mowing in some areas have reached a standstill for R&B Department as a result of the 'above'.

*Meeting scheduled with Spectrum & applicable contractors for Monday, 8/29/2022.

*R&B Department Employee offering assistance on Friday, 8/26/2022, for 'mowing' @ Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds. Appreciation by Commission was noted.

*Local resident reported concern surrounding Roth Cemetery Road. Mr. Schmieder addressed that he will address 'issue' as soon as possible; however, R&B Department has been installing Box Culverts, paving, mowing, and currently performing repairs from last winter along with the on-going storm damages that must be taken care of. Issue is not forgotten; scheduled work in on the 'list'.

*Local resident that resides on Ditch Road requested update to 'projects' expected for completion on said road next 'Spring'. Commissioner Stuppy noted that she would follow up regarding the same.

Update regarding Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds: Stock pile of 'rock' to be left @ Fairgrounds for necessary washouts, etc. Additional Gate to be installed off 'Riverview' Drive at recently installed entrance.

Commissioner Nelson reported that 'low-water' crossing BRO Funding Request for Ste. Genevieve County was denied. (Information provided @ recently attended SEMO RPC Meeting.)

ARPA Funding request reviewed as submitted from Public Water Supply District No. 1. ARPA Funds for said 'entity' already previously approved. Request to be deducted from approved balance. Upon review of said request, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' submitted request for ARPA Funding from PWSD#1 for amount of \$30,025.50 as presented. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of submitted request attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Invoice Detail forwarded to Ste. Genevieve County Health Department for their 'portion' of publication charges to publicize Joint Healthcare Ordinance 07252022. (Copy of said invoice attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Bid Approval had been previously approved for Melvin Mills Roofing to replace Chamber Roof & 'old' jail roof. Bid had been awarded; however, due to supply chain issues, etc., Bid had to be refigured. 'Original Bid' for both roofs was \$32,107.86 vs. 'Updated Bid' was \$41,524.70. Upon close observation of corrected detail; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to 'approve' refigured amount for roof. As previously noted, Melvin Mills Roofing was the only 'Contractor' that provided a quote for this project. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Commission waiting for follow up from Melvin Mills Roofing as to when they can 'begin' this project. (Copies of both 'old' and 'new' proposals attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

County Collector, Claudia Stuppy, advised that check would need to be cut for Recorder of Deeds for recording of Collector's Deeds for (2) properties that are being transferred to the County Trustee. Both properties were 3rd offering and were not sold in August 22, 2022 'Tax Sale'. After review of the request made by Collector Stuppy; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve check in the amount of \$60.00 to be paid to Recorder of Deeds as mentioned above with funds to be taken from General Revenue. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All In favor. Motion passed. (Copy of noted request attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission addressed 'lighting request' as presented by Julie Bova, Circuit Clerk in 'stairwell of Courthouse'. Issue presents itself in particular @ times of 'evening' jury trials as well as days that are overcast. Commission identified that this has been an issue that was planned to have been addressed several years ago. Commissioner Stuppy noted that she would contact local electrician. As additional information is provided; detail will be reported.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'Solid Waste' portion of RPC Meeting that was attended on Tuesday, 8/23/2022. Following were the items reported:

- *Ste. Genevieve County Recycling Center awarded 'Solid Waste' Grant for 'Trailer'.
- *Holcim Recycling Event scheduled for 9/24/2022 @ Ste. Genevieve Recycling Center.
- *Discussion included 'Tire Recycling Facility' that had previously been discussed. This 'project' is currently at a standstill as facility location has not been secured for the same. Goal: to locate building.
- *'Trash Recycling' venture still in the 'works'. City of Perryville along with Perry County fully supporting this along with other 'communities' expressing interest. (This goal of this project is to provide safer environment/keep trash out of 'landfill'.)
- *It was noted that Mr. Josh Thompson, MPA, SEMO Regional Planner, will be leaving SEMO Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Thompson has secured position with Cape Department of Tourism.
- *The next regularly scheduled 'Solid Waste' Meeting is 10/25/2022.
- *Annual Dinner – 9/27/2022.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Regional Planning Commission Meeting that was attended on 8/23/2022. Following were the items reported:

- *Applications scored for DNR Grants.
- *DERA Applications – Work being completed on the same.
- *Revitalization Grants – This 'fund' is 'match'; no 'In-Kind' acceptable.
- *Tourism 'Grants' opening soon as well as Workforce Development Grants for 'DED' – scheduled to open soon.
- *DNR Grants Available – DNR can be contacted. (Legacy Program through DNR – this is program in which land purchased for Parks.) Many various 'Grants' scheduled to be available; continuing information is being made available.

*Regional Planning Commission noted that they offer 'Drone Services' to include 'surveying services' as well as other services that can be utilized by 'Counties'.

*Margaret Yates noted that she recently attended 'Grants Clinic'. Information much more 'in depth'.

*State Representative, Rick Francis, noted he is called back to 'Special Session'.

*Donna Hickman w/Jason Smith's Office attended said meeting and noted that 'local farm tours' being held.

*Academy Day scheduled to be held @ Jefferson College, Hillsboro, MO on 9/17/2022 from 9:30 A.M. until Noon.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from T.A.C. (Transportation Advisory Council) portion of Meeting held at Regional Planning Commission attended on 8/23/2022. Following were items reported:

*Commissioner Nelson expressed concern surrounding RPC's making decisions as it relates to 'Bridges' and where 'expertise' lies.

*No specific guidelines provided for 'scoring'. Compliment was given to RPC for their scoring methodology. It was noted that 'Federal Highway' made changes to BRO Program as 'Counties' were holding onto funds. Commissioner Stuppy added that the 'hope' is that the future will hold a better plan with clearly identified 'direction'.

Matt Anke w/the 'Group' SAVE HAWN contacted Commission to provide update and noted that 'Group' recently released documentary.

County Collector, Claudia Stuppy, appeared before the Commission to provide detail surrounding 'Tax Sale' held on 8/22/2022. Following were details reported:

*(70) Parcels Offered; (32) Parcels 'sold'.

*(2) Parcels transferred to County Trustee, which occurs after 3rd offering. It is noted that the 'County' is not the owner of said property; simply 'custodians'.

*(19) Properties offered in Lake Seven Falls with "0" Sold.

*(6) Properties offered in Grayhawk with "0" Sold.

*Majority of inventory consisted of 'lots' from Goose Creek as well as Lakes Genevieve as well as (4) parcels in St. Mary.

*Commissioner Stuppy provided '2022 Tax Lien Sale Surplus Report requiring all (3) Commissioner's signatures. Said report provided pursuant to RSMo 140.230.1 serving as Ste. Genevieve County Collector of Revenue's written statement of parcels sold for a greater amount than the debt or taxes and all costs owed 'per parcel'. (Copy of said report attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission was noted that there is concern surrounding non-compliance by drivers on 'M' Road project being handled by MoDOT. Lane Closures necessary with pace car being utilized; however, many drivers not 'waiting' for direction from pace car. This is a danger that needs to be avoided. 'County' is requesting that traffic adhere to the same for safety of travel by all parties on 'M' Road.

MoDOT had notified 'County' regarding potential 'closing' when project @ Highway

Commissioner Stuppy provided report surrounding Southeast MO Regional Commissioner's Meeting that was attended on Wednesday, 9/24/2022. Following were details reported:

- *Update provided on Chester Bridge Project.

- *Workforce Development Board noted that they are partnering w/healthcare/nursing homes in effort to train CNA's/Truck Driver Apprentice Programs offered/Grants being sought through EDA.

- *SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) noted 'Earthquake Exercise' scheduled to offer earthquake preparedness in the future.

- *Donna Hickman w/Jason Smith's office provided notable updates pertaining to 'immigration', 'Back-Log w/Veterans Cases', as well as update on 'Food Pantry Assistance'.

- *State Representative, District 148, representing Scott and Mississippi Counties, reported that 'Special Session' being held on 9/6/22 through 9/12/22.

- *MoDOT reported that (18) TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grants were submitted with all being awarded. City of Ste. Genevieve submitted application; award was given for the same.

Mr. Bob Kluender, Environmental Specialist w/Ste. Genevieve County Health Department, appeared before the Commission to express concern surrounding mobile home park in northern portion of the 'County' previously reported to have no water and noted that it has been over (3) months with said residents still without water. Prosecuting Attorney has reached out to 'Caretaker' of property location. Resources were provided to 'County' to be investigated in effort to see if there is absolutely anything that can be done. As additional information is provided on this matter; said detail to be reported.

Commissioner Nelson noted to remaining Commissioners that 'County' should consider for future identifying specific representative for the 'County' on Tourism Board as the 'County' contributes to the same.

Local resident contacted Commission in effort to inquire when 'County' plans on 'paving' Mill Creek Road. Commissioner Nelson responded that it is on the 'queue'; as always, budgets have to be considered.

Accounts Payable for Date 8/25/2022 in the amount of \$142,774.64 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 8/29/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER